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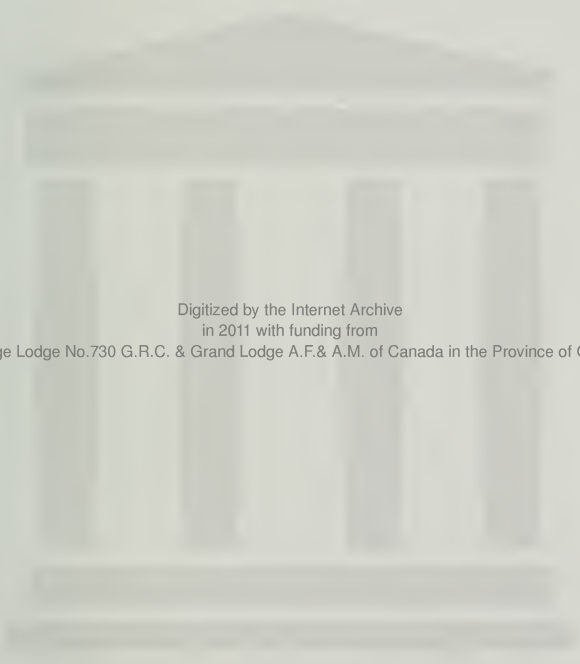


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PROCEEDINGS

OF

THE GRAND LODGE

Of Ancient

Free and Accepted Masons

OF CANADA,

AT ITS

EIGHTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION,

HELD AT THE CITY OF

MONTREAL, JULY 8, A. L. 5863, A. D. 1863.



ORDERED TO BE READ IN ALL LODGES AND PRESERVED.

T. DOUGLAS HARINGTON, QUEBEC,
GRAND MASTER.

THOMAS BIRD HARRIS, HAMILTON,
GRAND SECRETARY.

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PROCEEDINGS

At the Eighth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada, held at the City of Montreal, commencing on the second Wednesday, the 8th day of July, A. L., 5863, A. D., 1863.

PRESENT.

M.W. Br. T. Douglas Harington, Grand Master,
On the Throne.

R. W. Br.	Wm. B. Simpson,	Deputy Grand Master.	
" " "	George Masson,	D.D.G.M., London	District.
" " "	William Fitch,	" Hamilton	"
" " "	A. De Grassi,	" Toronto	"
" " "	A. A. Campbell,	" Prince Edward	"
" " "	A. A. Stevenson,	" Montreal	"
" " "	George T. Morehouse,	" East'n Townsh's	"
" " "	Samuel D. Fowler,	as Grand Senior	Warden.
" " "	James Seymour,	" Junior	"
" " "	Rev. Vincent Clementi,	" Chaplain.	
" " "	William Bellhouse,	as " Treasurer.	
" " "	John V. Noel,	" Registrar.	
" " "	Thos. B. Harris,	" Secretary.	
" " "	James Moffatt,	as " Senior Deacon.	
V. " "	A. W. Ogilvie,	" Junior	"
" " "	Wm. F. Biggar,	" Superinte't of Works.	
" " "	Thomas McCracken,	Assist. " Secretary.	
" " "	Wm. Irwin,	as " Dir. of Ceremonies.	
" " "	Isaac B. Taylor,	as " Sword Bearer.	

V. W. Br.	Daniel Spry,	Assistant Grand Dir. of Ceremonies
" " "	Geo. W. Lawler,	" Organist.
" " "	Stanislaus Blondheim	" Pursuivant.
" " "	Wm. Hannah,	as " Tyler.

GRAND STEWARDS.

V. W. Br.	C. J. S. Askin.	V. W. Br.	N. Allan Gamble.
" " "	John Kerr.	" " "	Joseph Brock.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

M. W. Br.	Wm. M. Wilson,	P.G.M.
" " "	W. C. Stephens,	P.G.M.
" " "	A. Bernard,	P.G.M.
R. " "	John C. Franck,	P.D.D.G.M.
" " "	Richard Bull,	P.D.D.G.M.
" " "	James Moffatt,	P.D.D.G.M.
" " "	George F. La Serre,	P.D.D.G.M.
" " "	H. L. Robinson,	P.D.D.G.M.
" " "	Samuel D. Fowler,	P.G.S.W.
" " "	David Browne,	P.G.J.W.
" " "	William Bellhouse,	P.G. Treasurer.
V. " "	William Irwin,	P.G.S. Deacon,
" " "	L. L. Levey,	P.G. Director of Ceremonies.
" " "	Henry Grist,	P. Assist. G. Director of Ceremonies.
" " "	John S. Walker,	P.G. Steward.
" " "	B. C. Davy,	" " "
" " "	W. G. F. Downs,	" " "

REPRESENTATIVES OF GRAND LODGES.

M. W. Br.	W. C. Stephens,	Grand Lodge of England.
" " "	W. M. Wilson,	" " Illinois.
" " "	A. Bernard,	" " Vermont.
" " "	Thos. B. Harris,	" " Kansas.
M. " "	W. C. Stephens,	at the request of R.W. Br. Kivas Tully, who was unavoidably prevented from attending Grand Lodge, represented the Grand Lodge of Ireland.

PAST MASTERS.

R. W. Br. David Browne	R. W. Br. Richard Bull
V. " " W. G. F. Downs	" " William Bellhouse
R. " " Geo. F. La Serre	" " W. R. Anderson
" " John Kerr	V. " " Thomas McCracken
" " E. H. Parker	" " John W. Murton
" " S. D. Fowler	V. " " Henry Grist
" " Geo. T. Morehouse	" " C. J. S. Askin
V. " " William Irwin	" " A. McCallum
R. " " William Fitch	R. " " H. L. Robinson
V. " " John S. Walker	" " " A. De Grassi
" " W. F. Biggar	" " " George Masson
" " George W. Parker	" " Thomas Story
V. " " B. C. Davy	" " Isaac B. Taylor
M. " " Wm. M. Wilson	" " T. S. Haynes
R. " " John C. Franck	M. " " W. C. Stephens
" " J. W. Alport	V. " " Joseph Brock
R. " " A. A. Campbell	R. " " W. B. Simpson
" " Edward J. Sisson	" " Thomas Jackson
" " L. H. Henderson	V. " " L. L. Levey
R. " " James Seymour	" " Henry Macpherson
" " John Paterson	" " A. D. Macdonald
" " W. H. Floyd	R. " " John V. Noel
" " D. Barker	" " " Rev. V. Clementi
R. " " A. A. Stevenson	" " Angus Grant
M. " " A. Bernard	R. " " John H. Isaacson
V. " " A. W. Ogilvie	" " W. H. Oliver
R. " " James Moffatt	" " George S. Graham
V. " " Daniel Spry	" " A. G. Macdonell
R. " " Thos. B. Harris	M. " " T. Douglas Harington.

A constitutional number of Lodges being represented, the Grand Chaplain implored a blessing from the G.A.O.T.U.

The Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada, was opened in Ample form at 12.45 o'clock, P.M.

The Board of General Purposes, as required by the Constitution, having appointed W. Brs. Edward A. Walker,

E. J. Senkler, and George S. Graham, a Committee to examine the credentials of Representatives and Proxies of regular chartered Lodges, reported the following, viz:

Lodge of Antiquity, Montreal.

- W. Br. F. C. Dettmers, W. M.
 " A. Lettauer, S. W.
 " M. Gutman, J. W.

No. 1. *Prevost Lodge, Dunham.*

- R. W. Br. David Browne, W. M.
 " G. L. Rhicard, J. W.

No. 2. *Niagara Lodge, Niagara.*

- W. Br. J. B. Robertson, W. M.
 V. W. " W. G. F. Downs, P. M.

No. 3. *St. John's Lodge, Kingston.*

- R. W. Br. George F. LaSerre, W. M.
 " Alex. Kirkpatrick, S. W.
 " Nicholas B. Eldred, J. W.
 R. W. " S. D. Fowler, P. M.
 V. " " E. H. Parker, P. M.
 " " John Kerr, P. M.

No. 4. *Dorchester Lodge, St. John's.*

- R. W. Br. George T. Morehouse, W. M.

No. 5. *Sussex Lodge, Brockville.*

- W. Br. E. J. Senkler, W. M.
 R. W. " W. B. Simpson, P. M.

No. 6. *Barton Lodge, Hamilton*

- W. Br. B. E. Charlton, W. M.
 V. W. " Wm. Irwin, P. M.

No. 7. *Union Lodge, Grimsby.*

- V. W. Br. John S. Walker, W. W.
 R. " " Wm. Fitch, P. M.
 V. " " W. F. Biggar, P. M.
 " W. K. Sumner, S. W.

No. 8. *Nelson Lodge, Phillipsburg*

- W. Br. Geo. W. Parker, W. M.

No. 9. *Union Lodge, Napanee.*

- V. W. Br. B. C. Davy, W. M.

- No. 10. *Norfolk Lodge, Simcoe.*
M. W. Br. Wm. M. Wilson, P. M. and Rep.
- No. 11. *Moirs Lodge, Belleville.*
W. Br. Cornelius J. Starling, W. M.
R. " " John C. Franck, P. M.
" " A. A. Campbell, P. M.
" " J. W. Alport, P. M.
" " L. H. Henderson, P. M.
" " Edmund J. Sisson, P. M.
- No. 12. *Golden Rule Lodge, Stanstead.*
R. W. Br. Geo. T. Morehouse, proxy.
- No. 15. *St. George's Lodge, St. Catharines.*
R. W. Br. James Seymour, proxy.
- No. 16. *St. Andrew's Lodge, Toronto.*
W. Br. John Paterson, W. M.
- No. 17. *St. John's Lodge, Cobourg.*
W. Br. W. H. Floyd, P. M. and Rep.
- No. 18. *Prince Edward Lodge, Picton.*
W. Br. D. Fraser, W. M.
" " D. Barker, P. M.
- No. 19. *St. George's Lodge, Montreal.*
W. Br. R. H. Smith, W. M.
M. " " A. Bernard, P. M.
R. " " A. A. Stevenson, P. M.
V. " " A. W. Ogilvie, P. M.
" Robert Irwin, S. W.
- No. 20. *St. John's Lodge, London.*
R. W. Br. James Moffat, P. M. and Rep.
- No. 21. *Zetland Lodge, Montreal.*
Br. Wm. H. Hiam, S. W.
- No. 22. *King Solomon's Lodge, Toronto.*
V. W. Br. Daniel Spry, W. M.
" Joseph Moor, J. W.
- No. 25. *Ionic Lodge, Toronto.*
W. Br. Frank C. Draper, W. M.
- No. 26. *Ontario Lodge, Port Hope.*
R. W. Br. Thos. B. Harris, proxy.

- No. 27. *Strict Observance Lodge, Hamilton.*
 W. Br. Jno. S. Henderson, W. M.
 R. W. " Richard Bull, P. M.
 " " " William Bellhouse, P. M.
- No. 28. *Mount Zion Lodge, Kemptville.*
 W. Br. W. R. Anderson, P. M. and Rep.
- No. 34. *Thistle Lodge, Amherstburg.*
 R. W. Br. James Moffat, proxy.
- No. 35. *St. John's Lodge, Cayuga.*
 R. W. Br. Thos. B. Harris, proxy.
- No. 38. *Trent Lodge, Trenton.*
 R. W. Br. J. C. Franck, proxy.
- No. 40. *St. John's Lodge, Hamilton.*
 W. Br. C. H. VanNorman, W. M.
 R. " " Tho. B. Harris, P. M.
 V. " " Thos. McCracken, P. M.
 " " Jno. W. Murton, P. M.
- No. 41. *St. George's Lodge, Kingsville.*
 R. W. Br. James Moffat, proxy.
- No. 42. *St. George's Lodge, London.*
 Br. F. Westlake, S. W.
- No. 43. *King Solomon's Lodge, Woodstock.*
 V. W. Br. Henry Grist, proxy.
- No. 46. *Wellington Lodge, Chatham.*
 V. W. Br. C. J. S. Askin, P. M. and Rep.
- No. 47. *Great Western Lodge, Windsor.*
 R. W. Br. James Moffat, proxy.
- No. 48. *Madoc Lodge, Madoc.*
 W. Br. Cornelius J. Starling, proxy.
- No. 49. *Harrington Lodge, Quebec.*
 W. Br. A. McCallum, P. M. and Rep.
- No. 50. *Consecon Lodge, Consecon.*
 W. Br. Thomas A. Fairman, W. M.
- No. 52. *Wellington Lodge, Dunnville.*
 R. W. Br. William Fitch, proxy.

No. 53. *Shefford Lodge, Waterloo.*

W. Br. W. A. Taylor, W. M.
R. W. " H. L. Robinson, P. M.

No. 54. *Vaughan Lodge, Maple.*

R. W. Br. A. De Grassi, proxy.

No. 56. *Victoria Lodge, Sarnia.*

R. W. Br. George Masson, W. M.
" G. B. Clachar, J. W. and Rep.

No. 58. *Doric Lodge, Ottawa.*

W. Br. John P. Featherstone, W. M.
" " Thomas Story, P. M.

No. 59. *Corinthian Lodge, Ottawa.*

W. Br. Isaac B. Taylor, P. M. and Rep.

No. 60. *Hoyle Lodge, LaColle.*

R. W. Br. A. A. Stevenson, proxy.
" " T. S. Haynes, P. M.

No. 61. *Acacia Lodge, Hamilton.*

R. W. Br. Thos. B. Harris, W. M.
" " John W. Murton, P. M. and Rep.

No. 62. *St. Andrew's Lodge, Caledonia.*

R. W. Br. Thos. B. Harris, proxy.

No. 63. *Simcoe Lodge, Simcoe.*

M. W. Br. W. C. Stephens, proxy.

No. 66. *Durham Lodge, Newcastle.*

V. W. Br. Joseph Brock, W. M.

No. 67. *St. Francis Lodge, Richmond.*

W. Br. John H. Graham, W. M.

No. 68. *St. John's Lodge, Ingersoll.*

R. W. Br. Thos. B. Harris, proxy.

No. 69. *Stirling Lodge, Stirling.*

W. Br. Cornelius J. Starling, proxy.

No. 71. *Victoria Lodge, Sherbrooke.*

W. Br. E. W. Wiswell, W. M.

No. 74. *St. James Lodge, Maitland.*

R. W. Br. W. B. Simpson, proxy.

- No. 75. *St. John's Lodge, Toronto.*
 W. Br. John Kerr, W. M.
 R. W. " A. DeGrassi, P. M.
- No. 76. *Oxford Lodge, Woodstock.*
 V. W. Br. Henry Grist, proxy.
- No. 80. *Albion Lodge, Newbury.*
 R. W. Br. George Masson, proxy.
- No. 81. *St. John's Lodge, Delaware.*
 V. W. Br. Henry Grist, P. M. and Rep.
- No. 82. *St. John's Lodge, Paris.*
 R. W. Br. Wm. Fitch, proxy.
- No. 83. *Beaver Lodge, Strathroy.*
 R. W. Br. George Masson, P. M. and Rep.
- No. 84. *Clinton Lodge, Clinton.*
 W. Br. Thomas Jackson, P. M. and Rep.
- No. 85. *Rising Sun Lodge, Farmersville.*
 R. W. Br. W. B. Simpson, proxy.
- No. 86. *Wilson Lodge, Toronto.*
 W. Br. Isaac B. Taylor, P. M.
 " " L. L. Levy, P. M.
 R. W. Br. A. DeGrassi, proxy.
- No. 88. *St. George's Lodge, Owen Sound.*
 W. Br. Henry Macpherson, P. M.
 " " Joseph Walker, W. M.
- No. 90. *Manito Lodge, Collingwood.*
 W. Br. H. McClelland, W. M.
- No. 91. *Colborne Lodge, Colborne.*
 W. Br. George Goslee, W. M.
- No. 92. *Cataraqui Lodge, Kingston.*
 W. Br. Thomas Dumble, W. M.
 " " C. D. Macdonell, P. M.
 R. " " John V. Noel, P. M.
- No. 95. *Ridout Lodge, Otterville.*
 R. W. Br. Thos. B. Harris, proxy.
- No. 96. *Corinthian Lodge, Barrie.*
 W. Br. Edward A. Walker, W. M.

- No. 97. *Sharon Lodge, Sharon.*
V. W. Br. N. Allan Gamble, proxy.
- No. 98. *True Blue Lodge, Albion.*
R. W. Br. W. B. Simpson, proxy.
- No. 99. *Tuscan Lodge, Newmarket.*
V. W. Br. N. Allan Gamble, W. M.
- No. 101. *Corinthian Lodge, Peterboro'.*
R. W. Br. Rev. Vincent Clementi, P. M. and Rep.
- No. 103. *Maple Leaf Lodge, St. Catherines.*
R. W. Br. James Seymour, P. M. and Rep.
- No. 107. *St. Paul's Lodge, Lambeth.*
W. Br. Henry Macpherson, proxy.
- No. 108. *Blenheim Lodge, Drumbo.*
R. W. Br. Thomas McCracken, proxy.
- No. 110. *Central Lodge, Prescott.*
W. Br. Angus Grant, P. M.
" James Reynolds, S. W.
- No. 113. *Wilson Lodge, Waterford.*
M. W. Br. W. M. Wilson, proxy.
- No. 114. *Hope Lodge, Port Hope.*
R. W. Br. Rev. V. Clementi, proxy.
- No. 117. *Stanbridge Lodge, Stanbridge.*
W. Br. Hobert Butler, W. M.
" D. W. Bryan, S. W.
- No. 118. *Union Lodge, Lloydstown.*
V. W. Br. N. Allan Gamble, proxy.
- No. 119. *Maple Leaf Lodge, Bath.*
W. Br. Thomas Stenson, W. M.
- No. 121. *Doric Lodge, Brantford.*
R. W. Br. Wm. Fitch, proxy.
- No. 123. *The Belleville Lodge, Belleville.*
W. Br. L. H. Henderson, proxy.
- No. 124. *Montreal Kilwinning Lodge, Montreal.*
W. Br. John Renshaw, W. M.
" J. S. Clark, S. W.
" J. H. Stearns, J. W.
R. " " John H. Isaacson, P. M.

- No. 125. *Cornwall Lodge, Cornwall.*
W. Br. John Macdonell, W.M.
" " W. H. Oliver, P.M.
- No. 127. *Franck Lodge, Frankford.*
R. W. Br. J. C. Franck, proxy.
- No. 128. *Pembroke Lodge, Pembroke.*
W. Br. John W. Murton, proxy.
- No. 129. *The Rising Sun Lodge, Aurora.*
W. Br. George S. Graham, P. M. and Rep.
- No. 133. *Lebanon Forest Lodge, Exeter.*
V. W. Br. Thomas Matheson, proxy.
- No. 134. *Shawenegam Lodge, Three Rivers.*
W. Br. H. R. Symmes, W. M.
V. W. " George W. Lawler, S. W.
" " W. T. Rickaby, J. W.
- No. 135. *St. Clair Lodge, Milton.*
V. W. Br. Thomas McCracken, P. M. and Rep.
- No. 140. *Malahide Lodge, Aylmer, C. W.*
R. W. Br. George Masson, proxy.
- No. 141. *Tudor Lodge, Mitchell.*
V. W. Br. Thomas Matheson, W. M.
- No. 142. *Excelsior Lodge, Morrisburg.*
W. Br. A. G. Macdonell, P. M.
" John Montgomery, S. W.
- No. 143. *Friendly Brothers Lodge, Iroquois.*
W. Br. N. M. Davy, W. M.
- No. 144. *Tecumseh Lodge, Stratford.*
V. W. Br. Thomas Matheson, proxy.
- No. 147. *Mississippi Lodge, Almonte.*
R. W. Br. George F. LaSerre, proxy.
- No. 148. *Civil Service Lodge, Quebec.*
M. W. Br. T. D. Harington, P. M.
- No. 149. *Erie Lodge, Port Dover.*
M. W. Br. Wm. M. Wilson, proxy.
- No. 153. *Burn's Lodge, Wyoming.*
W. Br. Henry Macpherson, proxy.

U. D. *Peterborough Lodge, Peterborough.*

Br. R. Stenson, S. W.

U. D. *York Lodge, Eglinton.*

Br. Joseph Moore, proxy.

The Report from the Committee on Credentials of Representatives and Proxies was, on motion, received and adopted.

The M.W. Grand Master granted leave for the admission of all Master Masons, in good Masonic standing, to the visitors' gallery.

The Grand Secretary read the Rules and Regulations for the government of the Grand Lodge during the time of public business.

It was moved by R.W. Br. Samuel D. Fowler, seconded by R.W. Br. A. DeGrassi, and

Resolved—That the Minutes of Proceedings at the last Annual Communication, held at the town of St. Catharines, on the 9th, 10th and 11th days of July, 1862, having been printed and forwarded to all Lodges, be considered read.

It was moved by M.W. Br. W. C. Stephens, seconded by R.W. Br. A. DeGrassi, and

Resolved—That the Minutes, as printed and considered read, stand confirmed.

The Reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters for the various Masonic Districts were read, and referred to the Board of General Purposes.

The M.W. Grand Master announced that the consideration of the proposed amendments to the Constitution would be in order for the evening session, immediately following the delivery of his annual address.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment at 4.30 o'clock, to meet at 7 o'clock, P.M.

The Grand Lodge resumed its sittings at 7 o'clock, P.M.

M.W. Br. T. Douglas Harington, Grand Master,

On the Throne.

Grand Officers, Members and Representatives.

The M.W. Grand Master read the following

A D D R E S S .

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Canada, assembled in Annual Communication at Montreal, 8th July, 1863.

BRETHREN :

"Happy to meet—sorry to part—happy to meet again."

This was our parting salutation a year ago, and I, for one, think there cannot be a more appropriate introduction to our present meeting, bringing us together, as it does, from all parts of our common country to exchange warm and friendly greetings—to compare notes as to what has transpired during the year now passed away for ever,—to talk pleasantly of mutual friends still spared, and affectionately of those who have gone to their rest,—to consult together whether Freemasonry has derived benefit from our by gone efforts,—whether we have carried out her attributes of kindness and benevolence, and preserved unsullied her good name by our own conduct, and by making her, as she is intended to be, a source of consolation and relief to our suffering brethren and fellow-creatures,—to devise additional means and regulations for advancing the interests of our Order,—and, by unwavering

allegiance to its three grand principles "*Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth*,"—upon which it is founded—to give the best refutation to men, who, knowing nothing of the real living beauties of Freemasonry, endeavor, by sowing slander broad-cast against her, or trying the more direct course of "*Anathema! Maranatha!*" think to crush her energies, and prevent her members from dispensing help to distress throughout this world of probation and trial. Let us unite, brethren, in thanking with our hearts the G.A.O.T.U. for His many blessings, and sparing us to assemble again together; and, having a fervent and faithful trust in Him, fearlessly and zealously let us endeavor to fulfil our respective duties as men and masons, in whatever condition He may be pleased to place us.

I have a more cheerful announcement to make to you on the commencement of this our new masonic year. When we last met, our Queen and the British Empire were bowed beneath the weight of a heavy woe, and mourning was in the palace, the mansion and the cottage. Now, though memory is still clinging to the late Illustrious Prince Consort, whose innate worth and untimely loss have been daily brought more and more home to the nation, as his great virtues, his manly affections, and his anxious plans for the glory and good of his country and countrymen have become more and more known to us. Our good Queen's heavy sorrow is being lightened by a Divine hand, and let us believe by the entire undiminished sympathy of her loving subjects, and she has been cheering their eyes and hearts, and, as usual, her kindly and womanly presence has again been felt, where pain, wounds and death were paramount, comforting herself, by extending consolation to others, and well may her subjects exult in acknowledging fealty to and love for a sovereign so noble, so good, and so purely womanly. But I must put a curb on my own proud English feelings. Brethren, the heart of that Queen Mother has been gladdened by the happy marriage of Her eldest son H. R. H. the Prince of Wales, Heir to the Crown, and the pride of the British Empire, and how vividly is his fresh manly face brought back to us here in Canada. Even now the rejoicings commenced on the auspicious occasion of his marriage are vibrating through the land, in those British homes described by our sweet poetess, Mrs.

Hemans, as "The stately, the merry, the cottage, and the free fair homes of Britain," and whose prayer for them is:—

" — Long, long in hut and hall,
May hearts of native proof be rear'd,
To guard each hallow'd wall;
And green for ever be the groves,
And bright the flow'ry sod,
Where first the childhood's spirit loves
It's country and its God."

And how fair is the flower who now clings to our Prince. A distinguished novelist, Bulwer, tells that our Saxon King Harold promised to a Danish invader, six feet of English ground, or as he was a tall man, seven feet. Now, all Britain may be said to be at the disposal of the heretofore Flower of Denmark, Alexandra of England, Princess of Wales.

I am sure I am your true mouthpiece, when I say—and the words comprise every *good* wish—God bless the Prince and Princess of Wales!

Last year, brethren, you passed a loyal, respectful address of sympathy and condolence to our widowed Queen. Now you can approach Her, and Her princely children with congratulations, and your fervent desire for their continued happiness, and that the latter may long remain a comfort to our most gracious Sovereign.

The address you intrusted me to forward was laid before the Queen, and the gratifying acknowledgement is as follows:—

" *Downing Street, 4th Nov., 1862.*

" MY LORD,

" An address of condolence to the Queen, on the death of the late His Royal Highness the Prince Consort, has been forwarded to me by Mr. T. Douglas Harington, from the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Canada.

" I have the honor to request that you will acquaint the members of the Grand Lodge that Her Majesty has received with much gratification the expression of sympathy and attachment conveyed in their address.

" I have, &c.,

" (Signed,) "

" NEWCASTLE."

" THE VISCOUNT MONCK,
&c., &c., &c."

And now, brethren, I will refer to matters more immediately connected with the Craft in Canada. Your generous resolution and address in favor of Mrs. T. G. Ridout, have been made known to that lady, and inasmuch as R. W. Brothers Harman and Spence prepared that address and otherwise took a warm interest in her welfare, I considered it but just, and would be gratifying to them, to carry out the wishes of Grand Lodge, and I leave to them to make known to you the result of your generosity.

I have to report, and you will, I know, record the official announcement with sorrow, that since our last meeting, we have lost, with other brethren, one whose name was largely and for a length of time connected with the Craft. The M. W. Brother Sir Allan Napier MacNab, Baronet, Past Grand Master, departed this life on the 8th August, 1862, and my memorandum of his decease bears the two simple words "*much regretted.*" I believe, short as the epitaph is, it carries truth with it. Our late brother was intimately connected with the affairs of Canada, and there is hardly a man to whom he was not known in some way,—and all must remember his kindness, his easy affability, and the pleasure his presence seemed to diffuse. Circumstances attended his departure from us which, as they were notorious, I cannot help making slight mention of. That they did occur is a lamentable and mortifying fact, for a man, so distinguished as our late brother, should have been deposited in his last resting-place peacefully and regretfully with the many friends made during his eventful life around. That he was a true and faithful member of our Order to within a very brief period before his death, I personally vouch for, and I have no doubt he died one.

The general condition of the Craft continues prosperous and satisfactory, and shows a steady increase in Lodges and Members. I have granted Dispensations during the year to hold two new Lodges, viz:—"Peterborough" Lodge, Peterborough, C. W., and "York" Lodge, Eglinton C. W., and which I recommend Grand Lodge to confirm by warrant. I declined to grant a Dispensation for a Lodge to be opened at Wroxeter, C. W., because I did not think it would conduce to the honor and benefit of Freemasonry.

Two Lodges, "Tuscan," No. 99, Newmarket, and "Blenheim"

No. 108, Drumbo, lost their Warrants by fire. Satisfactory proof was afforded in each instance, and I directed the Grand Secretary to prepare and issue duplicate Warrants to make good the loss. "King Hiram" Lodge, No. 78, Tilsonburgh, C. W., reported the "*mysterious disappearance*" of its Warrant, and applied for a duplicate, which I declined to grant on such insufficient grounds, though to save the Lodge from inactivity I granted my Dispensation, to have effect till the present meeting of Grand Lodge only.

I have granted several Dispensations for Masters to serve for a third year, where it is the desire of Lodges I always accede to their wish, although a clause of the Constitution prohibits a longer service than two years, unless with the sanction of the Grand Master. I am not sure but it would be more for the benefit of Lodges to remove the restriction altogether, for the brethren are surely the best judges as to who they prefer to rule over them. At all events I think two years too brief a term, for the first may be said to be passed by the Master elect in becoming familiar with his responsible duties, and it is during the second that his real value shows itself, and then the law enacts a change, and the experiment which the election of every untried man really is—commences *de novo*.

I have also been called upon to exercise the Grand Master's prerogative in various other ways, and have answered many constitutional questions, and decided matters of difference, which, however, do not especially require to be reported to Grand Lodge.

Model By-Laws for subordinate Lodges have been prepared by me, with the assistance of that very able and zealous officer the Grand Secretary, and circulated as desired by Grand Lodge at its Annual Communication in 1861. The correct *Work*, as determined by Grand Lodge, has been made known, and promulgated. This has been done carefully and confidentially, as so essential and delicate a matter imperatively demanded. The management having been left entirely to the discretion of the Grand Master, the Grand Treasurer defrayed the necessary expense, through the Grand Secretary, by my special order.

I received a formal Report from R. W. Brother Groff, Grand

Treasurer, of a burglary perpetrated at the office of the Gore Bank, where he deposited Grand Lodge Funds, Vouchers, &c., and I am happy to state that Grand Lodge sustained no loss by that occurrence. I have not relieved Brother Groff of his Treasurership during the year, because the security required from that officer has never been perfected by the Grand Treasurer, elected in July, 1862, who has not communicated with me in relation thereto, nor has the President of the Board of General Purposes to whom I wrote respecting the bond, &c.

I sincerely regret to state that I have been compelled to approve of the suspension from their Masonic privileges of two Past Masters, one a member of the "Lodge of Antiquity," Montreal, the other of "Tudor" Lodge, No. 141, Mitchell, C.W., for exceedingly improper and unmasonic conduct. These two cases the Board of General Purposes will inquire into and report to Grand Lodge, with a view to the restoration of the parties, or the infliction of additional and more severe punishment, if called for. The evidence connected with them will be produced by the respective District Deputy Grand Masters. I have also been compelled to suspend a Past Master belonging to "True Blue" Lodge, No. 98, Albion, C.W., for disobedience, or, I should say, for refusing obedience. Such suspension to remain in force until he acknowledged his error. This is the present conclusion of the dispute between "Western Light" and "True Blue" Lodges so often brought before Grand Lodge, and to inquire into which, I appointed R. W. Brother DeGrassi, in accordance with a resolution of Grand Lodge passed last year, leaving the matter in the Grand Master's hands for final action by him in the premises.

The Board of General Purposes has met regularly and transacted much necessary business, under the able and diligent superintendence of the President, the R. W. Brother Simpson, Deputy Grand Master—and the result of its various labors will be reported to Grand Lodge—particularly the proposed alterations in the Book of Constitution, which have been duly circulated amongst the subordinate Lodges. The Reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters will also come before Grand Lodge in due course.

The *Asylum Committee* will, I apprehend, be ready with a

circumstantial statement of what has been accomplished in aid of that important Masonic work, the good consummation of which is devoutly to be wished for.

In the continued absence of a *Committee of Benevolence*, I have pursued the same course as heretofore, and which Grand Lodge approved. I have distributed help from Grand Lodge Funds to several deserving distressed applicants, during the most inclement season of the year, and in one or two cases of especial hardship brought to my notice by the Grand Secretary. And finding that this indefatigable and hard-worked officer could not possibly get through the labors devolving upon him, without the active help of the *Assistant Grand Secretary*, I gave him authority to pay, for services rendered during the year, a sum not exceeding \$100, being the same amount as formerly sanctioned by Grand Lodge.

In pursuance of a Resolution of Grand Lodge, passed last year, I appointed a Committee consisting of Brothers DeGrassi, Moore, and Fowler, for collecting Masonic Documents, with a view of compiling a *History of Masonry*, in Canada, who will report any progress made in their researches. And I hope the Committee appointed to procure the *Testimonial* to be presented to M. W. Brother Wilson, P. G. M., at length may be able to report satisfactorily. The subscriptions received from subordinate Lodges towards this well-merited Testimonial, have not amounted to such a sum as the Deputy Grand Master, who is also chairman of the Committee, considered worthy either of the Craft, or M. W. Brother Wilson, and bearing in mind that by the original Resolution *Grand Lodge* was to provide the Testimonial, he was good enough to consult with me, and we determined to devote a portion of its funds towards carrying out the well-known desire of the Brotherhood, in addition to the amount of subscriptions already received by the Committee. I cannot refrain from recurring to this subject, as well as inviting attention to the fact, that there stands recorded on the Minutes of Grand Lodge, but never that I can discover acted upon, the following Resolution unanimously adopted, as far back as 1856, viz :—

“ That the Grand Lodge appreciating the kind and valuable counsel and services at all times, of R. W. Brother Stephens, do present him with a *Masonic Honorary Jewel*, or other suitable mark of esteem.”

I need hardly add, that such testimonials are always highly prized, and exhibited with a very commendable pride, but any delay in their presentation has to be borne in silence and disappointment by the parties interested, for obvious delicate reasons.

ENGLAND.

I am happy to report that our difficulty with the Grand Lodge of England may be said to be at an end, for although there are still minor points to be cleared up, the very best feelings of cordiality exist. The Grand Master of England, nominated a Nobleman of high character attached to the Queen's Household, and a Past Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of England, Lord DeTabley, as a brother in every way qualified to succeed Earl DeGrey and Ripon, as our Representative at that Grand Lodge, and whose appointment would be agreeable to Earl Zetland himself. As I had already informed Grand Lodge, at its last Annual Communication, that the Grand Master of England, had been invited to transmit the name of a brother as our Representative, it was with pleasure I forwarded Lord DeTabley's credentials, and I subjoin his acceptance of the office. (*See Appendix No. 1.*) I request the concurrence of Grand Lodge.

Grand Lodge having been pleased to place in my hands the final settlement of the standing of "St. Lawrence Lodge," No. 923, Registry of England, holden at Montreal, believed to be working irregularly, but declared to be legally in existence by its Parent Grand Body, I gave the matter my most serious consideration, deeming it one of the greatest importance and pregnant with either real good or much evil, and came to the conclusion, that the Grand Lodge of England and her subordinate had right and justice on their side, and therefore, I hesitated not an instant to issue a Circular, pronouncing the said "St. Lawrence" Lodge, to be a Lodge in good standing, and as such, entitled to all the rights and privileges of a lawfully constituted Lodge. I attach as a record, a copy of my official decision. (*See Appendix No. 2.*)

Previous, however, to entering upon the consideration of this matter, I deemed it due to the Grand Lodge of Canada, to have

answers to certain questions ; and therefore desired the Grand Secretary to write to the Representative of the Grand Lodge of England, and ask :

1st. Why my letter to R. W. Brother Lord DeGrey and Ripon (dated 16th May, 1861,) had received no attention from the M.W. the Grand Master of England, and why our representation had not been rendered mutual.

2nd. Why no answer had been made to a resolution of Grand Lodge, passed in 1861, respecting the existence of foreign Warrants, and for a return of the same, &c.

3rd. By what authority R.W. Br. Badgley assumed still to be Provincial Grand Master of Montreal, when the Grand Master of England specifically declared that his authority had ceased, and that the Provincial Grand Lodge of Montreal was extinct, and, at the same time, informed the Grand Master of Canada that the only Provincial Grand Master in this country was R.W. Brother Dean, of Quebec, &c. This last question being put with reference to the report of the District Deputy Grand Master of Montreal, and the attempted revival there of another English Warrant.

The replies are contained in the annexed letter from M. W. Brother Stephens, which, with my communication to him, and his acknowledgement of the same, will afford you full information on all points at present requiring adjustment. (*See Appendix, Nos. 3, 4, and 5.*)

By that correspondence it will be seen that the Grand Lodge of England has erased many Lodges in Canada from her list, but still claims, among others, control over *seven*, which she must retain at present, owing to some formalities, required by her Constitution, not having been complied with, inasmuch as they are absolutely on the Registry of the Grand Lodge of Canada, as I have fully pointed out. The satisfactory settlement of these Lodges must be a simple matter. There is likewise *No. 643, Montreal*, the legal existence and continuance of which has been strongly denounced by Grand Lodge, and which, it will be seen, I have strenuously protested against, and I think for valid and just reasons.

I may mention that the Masonic Calendar for the current year, published by and with the authority of the Grand Lodge of England, contains only the name of the Provincial Grand Master for Quebec, and, consequently, there is no longer such an officer or a Provincial Grand Lodge for Montreal.

IRELAND.

With our first friend, the Grand Lodge of Ireland, no clouds now intervene to mar our harmony. On what I believe equitable grounds, I decided in favor of the good standing of Lodge "No. 209," on her Registry,—the final settlement of that unpleasant matter having been likewise left in my hands. I attach (also as a record) a copy of my official decision, and a resolution passed by the Grand Lodge of Ireland, setting forth the good feeling and satisfaction entertained towards Canada. (*See Appendix, Nos. 6 and 7.*)

SCOTLAND.

Your Representative at the Grand Lodge of Scotland, R.W. Brother Mackersy, presented his credentials, and I have the satisfaction of stating, that he was received with every honor, and the liveliest expressions of approval and pleasure, on the appointment and ratification of mutual Representatives. Following the precedent established in regard to the Grand Lodges of England and Ireland, I authorized the providing and payment of the necessary regalia to be worn by our Representative, and, in addition, the banner of the Grand Lodge of Canada, to be suspended over his seat, upon receiving information that such was the practice and custom adopted by the Representatives of all other Grand Bodies in the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

UNITED STATES.

Our relations with such of our sister Grand Lodges on this continent as we can communicate with, are of the most friendly and satisfactory nature, but of course, the continuance of the unhappy and unnatural strife, waging between the Northern and Southern portions of the United States, deprives us of much

pleasurable intercourse with the great bulk of our Masonic neighbors. What proceedings have been received from them, Grand Lodge will learn from the Board of General Purposes and the Grand Secretary.

I received an invitation through R. W. Brother Pearl, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Maine, asking me to attend with my Grand Officers, a "*National Masonic Convention*," to assemble at New York in September last, for the humane and praiseworthy object of endeavoring to devise measures whereby to mitigate the sufferings caused by civil war ; and, if possible, of lessening the existing state of rancour and hostility by the aid of Freemasonry, at least among the Brethren themselves.

I thought it right to decline being present—first, because my attendance might have been looked upon as an unauthorized interference in a domestic quarrel, with which Canada had nothing to do,—and, secondly, because no Southern Brethren could have an opportunity of giving expression to their feelings. But, although, as your Grand Master, I considered it proper to observe a *Masonic neutrality*, I conveyed the assurance that Grand Lodge would be exceedingly glad to witness a happy conclusion to this terrible estrangement between men and brethren belonging to the same nation—a restoration of ancient good feeling and common brotherhood—and a stop put to the deadly animosity, that the force of daily events demonstrate does really exist ; and that she would gladly co-operate towards such a result, if she could do so with propriety and certainty. I have since perused with sincere pleasure, articles in the newspapers relating to this subject, and conversed with brethren from the United States, and my impression is that an approach to a better state of things has commenced to show itself, and that (to use the language of a New York paper) "Northern Masons are placed once more on a social footing with their Southern brethren, thereby illustrating the principles of friendship and brotherly love—the watch-words of Masons all over the world."

I think, brethren, I have forgotten nothing of importance. I must apologize for taking up so much of your valuable time ; but we meet in full communion so seldom, that I feel naturally anxious

to inform Grand Lodge of every transaction that has transpired, to which I myself attach an interest. I would gladly visit you all, but my impression is, that a Grand Master should not run the risk by his presence of perhaps embarrassing or interfering with either a District Deputy Grand Master in the local government of his District, or the Master of a Lodge in its affairs, unless a case of absolute necessity should arise. There are of course, special ceremonies and festivals when the Grand Master by invitation, can with propriety appear, and have the satisfaction of meeting and mixing freely with his brethren and fellows; but where Grand Lodge meets only in Annual Communication, and the Grand Master is for the rest of the year the Grand Lodge judicial and executive, and appeals and many points of difference are being constantly forwarded for his decision, he cannot, in my opinion, keep himself too ignorant beforehand of Lodge and individual transactions, so as to deliver an impartial and strictly faithful judgment. It is under this impression that I have always hitherto acted.

I cannot conclude more suitably, and you will join me, than by praying the G. A. O. T. U. to approve our labors and cause them not only to be beneficial and honorable to the Craft at large and ourselves individually, but to the cause of humanity, charity and peace. Many, probably most of you, have recently passed through a political ordeal, especially trying to the temper, and one that is generally found to generate an ebullition of feeling, quite opposed to neighborly and brotherly communion. Let us trust that Freemasonry will not in vain exert her benign influence in calming down and eradicating all baneful effects. Let no party feelings take root, debasing and antagonistic to our Order, and especially adverse to the second of our Ancient Charges, which lays down for a Masonic guidance, that he is to be a peaceable subject to the civil powers wherever he resides or works, is cheerfully to conform to every lawful authority, and is bound by peculiar ties to promote peace, cultivate harmony, and live in concord and brotherly love.

May this our common country be spared from the curse of war, and all its concomitant evils. But should it be our lot to be tried by such a scourge, may we and all belonging to us or in whom we

take an interest, be spared to meet again, after doing our duty zealously and fearlessly, as faithful subjects of a Sovereign on whose dominions the sun never sets, and loyal citizens of an Empire, where under the fostering shelter of the Rose, the Shamrock, the Thistle, and our own Maple, freedom and protection reign triumphant.

May our present labors thus begun in order, be conducted in harmony, and closed in peace. So mote it be.

T. DOUGLAS HARRINGTON,
Grand Master.

(COPY.)

[APPENDIX TO ADDRESS, No. 1.]

“TABLEY HOUSE, KNUTSFORD,
“27th March, 1862.

“M.W. SIR & BROTHER,

“I have had the honor of receiving, through our Grand Secretary, Brother Gray Clarke, a document whereby you have been pleased to nominate me to the distinguished post of Representative of the Grand Lodge of Canada, at the Grand Lodge of England.

“Allow me, most worshipful sir, to express to you how sensible I am of this high distinction. I trust that I may be found not altogether unworthy of the honor thus conferred upon me, and that the interests of the Grand Lodge of Canada will not suffer in my hands.

“I have &c.

“(Signed) “WARREN DE TABLEY,

“P. S. G. W. of England, P. J. W. Royal Alpha, 16,
“W. M. 403 & 1243, &c., &c., &c.”

“The M.W. Brother T. DOUGLAS HARRINGTON,
“Grand Master, G. L. of Canada.”

[APPENDIX TO ADDRESS, No. 2.]

To all our Right Worshipful, Worshipful and Loving Brethren, of the Antient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, around the Globe.

DECISION IN THE MATTER OF THE ST. LAWRENCE LODGE, No. 923, REGISTRY OF ENGLAND, HOLDEN AT MONTREAL, C.E.

To all to whom it may concern,

GREETING :

The Grand Lodge of Canada, by Resolution, on the 11th July last, requested me as Grand Master, to make further enquiry into the difficulty now at issue with the Grand Lodge of England, in relation to the above Lodge, declared by the former Grand Body to be working irregularly, but pronounced by the latter to be in good standing, and also to take such final action in the premises as to me may seem meet, and I now, therefore, (after most careful consideration and deliberate examination of the evidence and arguments adduced and brought forward, and after well-weighing every part thereof, and procuring further information on some points that did not seem sufficiently clear in my judgment,) feel bound to and do declare the said "St. Lawrence" Lodge, No. 923, R. E., Montreal, to be entitled to *full and free recognition* by the Grand Lodge of Canada, and all her subordinate Lodges and members belonging thereto; and such being my solemn conviction and decision, I do hereby *revoke my edict*, bearing date 16th January last, prohibiting communication with the said "St. Lawrence" Lodge and its members, and by power vested in me by the Resolution hereinbefore mentioned, I further declare all former decisions, of whatever kind, relating to this matter, null and void, and of no further effect; and I do enjoin all lodges and brethren, hailing under and acknowledging allegiance to the Grand Lodge of Canada, to cultivate and exchange friendly intercourse with the said "St. Lawrence" Lodge and its members, and their Brethren and Fellows in Freemasonry.

My *reasons* for arriving at and adopting this final action in the premises, and thereby putting an end to the much to be regretted difficulty now existing between two Grand Bodies, who ought to be united by the closest bonds of good fellowship, are as follows :

1.—After a careful perusal of the *correspondence* between my predecessor and the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England, published with and forming a portion of the Minutes of our Proceedings of 1859, and which, therefore, I have to judge literally as it there stands, I have arrived at the irresistible conclusion, that the good faith of the Grand Lodge of Canada is pledged to

recognition of the Lodge in question, and had I studied that correspondence as closely as I have now done, an omission on my part, which I most sincerely regret, I should have protested decidedly against the good standing of "St. Lawrence" Lodge being questioned in 1860, because of events which transpired in 1855, in the face of such a correspondence during the interval in which, after the most direct allusions to this particular Lodge as one of seven to which my predecessor suggests that the Grand Master of England should offer for consideration their then uniting with their brethren and fellow subjects in the Grand Lodge of Canada, but which proposition is rejected, as "inconsistent with the obligations of office," &c.,—both Grand Masters congratulate each other, on the termination of all difficulties, and the establishment of harmony and good feeling between the respective jurisdictions, with, on the part of England, the most complete recognition of the Grand Lodge of Canada.

2.—The Grand Lodge of Canada undoubtedly possesses the power of questioning the good standing of a foreign subordinate Lodge, working within her territory under agreement, and forbidding intercourse with it, immediately announcing its decision, and giving its reasons to the supreme authority controlling that particular Lodge,—but I lay it down as Masonic Law and Equity, that it is not in the power of one Grand Lodge to continue such sentence of outlawry, when the Body to whom allegiance is due, as in the present case of the Grand Lodge of England and the "St. Lawrence" Lodge, after solemn enquiry, persistently declares itself satisfied that its laws have not been violated, and that the Lodge in question has done nothing to forfeit its Masonic rights and privileges.

3.—The Constitution of the Grand Lodge of England, like our own, provides, that if a majority of any Lodge determine to retire from it, the power of assembling remains with the rest of the members; the Warrant becoming extinct only if all the members withdraw. In the instance of the "St. Lawrence" Lodge it is doubtful if the withdrawal was a unanimous one, and, in all justice and courtesy, the Grand Lodge of England is entitled to the benefit of the doubt. I am assured by the immediate Past Master of the Lodge that a list, embracing the names of thirty-five members, was handed in to the then Provincial Grand Master in 1859, which members signified their adherence to the English Register, and dissented from any surrender of the English Warrant. Had only three brethren thus acted, their right to continue is unquestionable.

Having thus decided, I cannot refrain before concluding, from expressing my regret that the Grand Master of England has not

yet named a brother to be appointed a successor to R. W. Brother the Earl de Grey and Ripon,—as I invited him long since to do,—and thereby made our representation again a mutual one, and I am sorry that the Colonial Board, in its report to the Grand Lodge of England, thought it necessary to accuse the Canadian Craft of studied hostility. It is not the case. Neither can I hesitate to record my conviction that the M. W. Brother Bernard and the Montreal brethren, who naturally presented this matter for the consideration of the Grand Lodge of Canada, were justified in so doing, and had fair ground for impugning the standing of the “St. Lawrence” Lodge, inasmuch as there evidently was a surrender of the Warrant of some kind, (although the then Provincial Grand Master, by his Secretary, did not acknowledge its receipt, as he did in the case of the “St George’s” Lodge, No. 643, R. E., viz.: because the Lodge had “*ceased to work under the United Grand Lodge of England,*”) and the formation of an Independent Grand Lodge in Canada was favorably received by its members.

M. W. Brother Bernard, I perceive, on referring to the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of England, is accused of want of courtesy to R. W. Brother Badgley. I must say I see no ground for such a charge in his plain and manly explanations. On the contrary the opinion out here is that the charge should really be reversed, and that the late Provincial Grand Master of Montreal is the chief cause of this unpleasant misunderstanding, and did not act in the straightforward way that an officer of his high standing and long experience in Freemasonry should have done towards an important though newly formed Body, and certainly it has caused much satisfaction to the Grand Lodge of Canada, to read in that correspondence from which I have already quoted, that his official functions have ended, and that the Provincial Grand Lodge over which he presided has become extinct, and I do sincerely hope that the Grand Master and Grand Lodge of England will make void at once, all its Warrants granted in this Province to Lodges which have ceased working, and any attempt to revive which, would inevitably and necessarily lead to a renewal of misunderstanding, and again interfere with that friendly communion which should never be disturbed between such blood relations as the Grand Masonic Bodies of England and Canada, and which the latter is most anxious to perpetuate.

All which I thus promulgate for the information of Lodges and brethren, who will govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal of Masonry, at Quebec, this 18th October, A.D., 1862, A.L., 5862.

T. DOUGLAS HARINGTON,
Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Canada.

[APPENDIX TO ADDRESS, No. 3.]

50, FORT STREET, DETROIT,

8th December, 1862.

M.W. GRAND MASTER,

I am in receipt of a letter from the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of England, replying to certain enquiries which I made at your request, communicated through your Grand Secretary by letter of the 19th September, 1862.

V.W. Brother Clarke requests that I will convey to you the assurance that no slight or discourtesy has been intended towards yourself or the Grand Lodge of Canada, by any delay which may have taken place in reference to the subject matters of enquiry but that such delay, if there has been any, arose solely from the peculiar circumstances of the case.

In reply to R.W. Brother Harris' enquiry,—“Why the letter of the M.W. the Grand Master, of the 10th May, 1861, to R.W. Brother Earl de Grey and Ripon has received no attention from the M.W. the Grand Master of England and the Representation been rendered mutual,” the Grand Secretary requests me to inform you that the appointment of a fitting successor to the Earl de Grey and Ripon, the Representative of the Grand Lodge of Canada at the Grand Lodge of England, received the immediate and most attentive consideration of the Grand Master of England, and that His Lordship had selected a nobleman of high Masonic position and attainments, and one whom he had every reason to believe would have been cordially received by the Grand Lodge of Canada as their Representative, but the name of this brother was not submitted to Canada, as it was feared that the action taken by the Grand Lodge in that country, with reference to some of our Lodges, and which Lodges had even been designated irregular, although holding Warrants from the Grand Master of England, and fully recognised by the Grand Lodge of England, to whom alone they owed allegiance, might necessitate the withdrawal of Representatives, and the consequent cessation of official relations between the two Grand Bodies, I am to assure you that it would have been with extreme reluctance that the Grand Lodge of England would have adopted this course, for it ever has been and still is the sincere desire of the authorities in this country to maintain in their fullest integrity the most friendly relations with their brethren in Canada.

In answer to Brother Harris second question—“Why no answer has been sent to the resolution of the Grand Lodge of Canada of

the 10th of July, 1861, respecting the existence of Foreign Warrants, &c., &c., in the Province," I am entrusted to explain—assuming the words "Foreign Warrants" are intended to apply to Warrants issued by the Grand Master of England at different periods prior to the establishment of the Grand Lodge of Canada, that a short delay necessarily occurred in consequence of certain proceedings having been taken by the Grand Lodge of England to ascertain accurately what Lodges are still to be regarded as entitled to be retained on the Registry of the Grand Lodge of England. Summonses were sent out to every Lodge that had not made a return within a recent period, calling for immediate returns, and naming a day within which such returns were to be made. These summonses were in due course followed by others, and, subsequently, formal notices were issued, citing such Lodges as had not responded to the summonses to appear and show cause why they should not be erased and their Warrants declared forfeited. You are no doubt aware that, in England, no Lodge can be struck off the roll without these formal proceedings being taken, all of which require more or less time, and further, that no resolution of Grand Lodge can be carried out until duly confirmed at a subsequent quarterly meeting. The books of the Grand Lodge have now been corrected; the list of Lodges is in the hands of the printer, and the Warrants of all Lodges in Canada, with some few exceptions, have been declared forfeited. I am to add that this action was commenced immediately on attention being called to the matter by your letter of the 10th March, addressed to myself.

The following are the Lodges still borne on the Registry of the Grand Lodge of England:—

No. 489.—Sussex	Lodge	Brockville, C. W.
" 490.—Niagara	"	Niagara, "
" 494.—Union	"	Grimsby "
" 514.—St. Paul's	"	Montreal, C. E.
" 515.—Nelson	"	Clarenceville, "
" 516.—St. Andrew's	"	St. Andrews, "
" 643.—St. George's	"	Montreal, "
" 720.—Goderich Union	"	Goderich, C. W.
" 775.—Dorchester	"	St. Johns', C. E.
" 796.—St. John's	"	Carlton Place, C. W.
" 835.—Dalhousie	"	Ottawa, C. W.
" 923.—St. Lawrence	"	Montreal, C. E.

In reply to the third question put by Brother Harris—"Upon what authority R. W. Brother Badgley assumed to be Provincial Grand Master, when the M. W. Grand Master of England specifically declared that his authority had ceased and the Provincial

Grand Lodge of Montreal and William Henry had become extinct, and at the same time informed the Grand Lodge of Canada that the only Provincial Grand Master in the Province was R.W. Brother Dean, of Quebec,"—I am to notify you that R.W. Brother the Hon. W. Badgley was appointed Provincial Grand Master several years ago by the Grand Master of England, and that, although he has ceased to hold any Provincial Grand Lodges for the last few years, and had even discontinued to do so anterior to the establishment of the Grand Lodge of Canada, yet his appointment has never been withdrawn by the Grand Master.

With much respect and regard,

I have, &c.,

(Signed)

W. C. STEPHENS,

Rep. G. L. of England.

T. D. HARINGTON, Esq.,
Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Canada.

[APPENDIX TO ADDRESS, No. 4.]

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA,

G.M. Office, Quebec, 19th Dec., 1862.

MY DEAR AND M.W. BROTHER,

It is with much pleasure that I acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 8th instant. The information you convey to me from the Grand Master of England is very satisfactory, and I trust that in a short time there will not exist one single obstacle to interfere with the most thorough good fellowship between our two Grand Bodies. Although our friendly atmosphere became somewhat clouded, I always felt sure that clear, blue sky was not far off, for there never was any lack of sterling good feeling, although the Grand Lodge of Canada, like that of her sister of England, desired to uphold what she firmly looked upon as her sovereign right. I recognize much kindly courtesy in the contents of your present communication, and beg you to say so to V.W. Brother Clarke. I trust that our Representation will soon be once again mutual, and I will dismiss that portion of your letter which relates to the subject, by simply saying, that I do not think a *probable* cessation of official relations ought to have operated to make them one-sided, as they have been for so long a period.

I will in the next place, proceed to notice, what you and the Grand Secretary write respecting the R. W. Br. Badgley in his capacity of Provincial Grand Master of Montreal, &c. I must say

that the explanation does not give satisfaction, and I do hope that no dangerous recourse to what is called "special pleading," will be attempted. In this country you are well aware that all the odium consequent upon the difficulty between our two Grand Lodges, is deemed to rest rightfully upon that officer, and there has not been a doubt on the part of the Canadian Craft that his functions have entirely ceased. - What says that *correspondence*, the full literal benefit of which I have allowed to England, in the case of the "St. Lawrence" Lodge, Montreal, so recently decided by me. Hear the Grand Master of England. (23rd March, 1859.)

"I have now lastly to speak of Provincial Grand Lodges, to the continued existence of which within your jurisdiction you appear to object. I may first observe that the Provincial Grand Master for Montreal, for a long time past, has been most anxious to resign that office, his judicial duties not permitting him to bestow sufficient attention to Masonic affairs, and as far as I am informed a Provincial Grand Lodge has *therefore* not lately been convened, and it is not my intention to take any such steps as will lead to its resuscitation,

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It is my intention, if the remaining Lodges in Montreal be desirous of it, to place them under the control of the Provincial Grand Master of Quebec, if otherwise, to permit them to correspond direct with the Grand Lodge of England, in the same manner as the Lodges now in Canada West."

I contend Most Worshipful Brother, that no other honest meaning can be attached to these extracts, save that the R. W. Brother Badgley had resigned, and his resignation been accepted; otherwise the resuscitation of his Provincial Grand Lodge would in no manner depend upon the Grand Master of England, for the law of your Grand Lodge expressly enacts that the Provincial Grand Master "should hold a Provincial Grand Lodge at least once in each year, and he may convene Provincial Grand Lodges of Emergency whenever he thinks it necessary."

I press these extracts upon the consideration of the Grand Master of England, because V. W. Brother Clarke writes, that R. W. Brother Badgley's appointment has never been withdrawn by the Grand Master, and I earnestly beg of him not to allow this to remain any longer a matter of doubt, but at once to give the Canadian Craft a guarantee, that our official relations with England cannot be again endangered by a continuance at Montreal of that office, from the duties of which R. W. Brother Badgley had, I know, desired to be relieved anterior to the establishment of the Grand Lodge of Canada. I do indeed hope their will be no hesitation about this.

And now, Most Worshipful Brother, there remains that part of your letter relating to Lodges still borne, you tell me, on the Registry of the Grand Lodge of England, of which you furnish a list, viz :—No's. 489, 490, 494, 514, 515, 516, 643, 720, 775, 796, 835 and 923, you have forgotten three English Lodges held in Quebec, No's. 17, 214 and 931. There were formally five, but No. 68 has been extinct for many years, and No. 531 sometime since surrendered its English Warrant, and accepted one from Scotland, under which it now holds as "St. Andrew's" Lodge. Of No's. 17, 214, 514, 720, 835, 923 and 931, there is no doubt. They are *bona-fide* English Lodges, and as such are recognized by the Grand Lodge of Canada. Of one, No. 720, Goderich, C. W., it may not be out of place, to state here, that I am informed its affairs are conducted, owing to the absence of any controlling power at hand, in a manner not at all calculated to reflect credit on Freemasonry, but very much the contrary. Be pleased to report this.

I now notice No's. 489, 490, 494, 515, 516, 775 and 776.

489	joined the G.L. of C. in 1855, and has since been	Sussex Lodge, No. 5, Brockville.
490	" " " "	Niagara " 2, Niagara.
494	" " " "	Union " 7, Grimsby.
516	" " " "	" was numbered 12, but appears to be extinct.
775	" " " "	1853, and has since been Dorchester Lodge, No. 4, St. Johns.'
776	" " " "	1855, and has since been Prevost Lodge, No. 1, Dunham.
515	" " " "	1855, became No. 8, Clarenceville, since removed to Henryville, and a Warrant, No. 152, has since been granted to "Clarenceville Lodge, Clarenceville. I am led to believe that all these English Warrants have been formally surrendered.

Will you have the goodness to write without loss of time, and learn why these last *seven* Lodges are still claimed as under the Registry of England, when the fact is patent, that (with the exception of No. 516, of doubtful existence,) they are not working under her, and the Warrants should be in the possession of the Grand Master of England. When I receive the necessary particulars, I shall doubtless be able to institute such enquiries as will clear up the matter.

There remains only Warrant No. 643, which is now being worked irregularly, after having been formally surrendered, and its surrender officially acknowledged, (as the original document in my possession declares,) the "St. George's" Lodge, Montreal, which it represented *having ceased to work under the Grand Lodge of England*. This Warrant, consequently, became extinct, by such surrender to a legally constituted agent of the Grand Master of England, and "St. George's" Lodge having joined the Grand Lodge of Canada, in 1855, became and has since continued to be No. 19, on the Registry of this last-named Grand Body. These are the reasons why I draw a marked distinction between No.

643, and "St. Lawrence" Lodge, also held in Montreal, and pronounced to have been working irregularly, but now fully recognized as in good standing.

This Warrant (643) was surrendered in November, 1855, and on the following anniversary of the Festival of St. John the Evangelist, the annual election and instalment of officers occurred, under the authority of the Grand Lodge of *Canada*, and not one dissentient voice was raised; on the contrary, *Brother C. P. Ladd*, who subsequently claimed to be the Master under the *English* Warrant, returned under unfortunate circumstances by R. W. Brother Badgley, assisted at the said Installation under Canadian authority. And we will now consider to whom that Warrant was returned, after remaining sometime in R. W. Brother Badgley's possession—much longer than could be necessary for simple examination. Indeed, the reports (29th Oct., 1860,) to the Grand Master of England, that the Masters of Lodges in his District were summoned to appear (*in 1855*) before him, with their Warrants and the Minute Books of their Lodges, his object being *to receive back the Lodge Warrants in all cases in which all the members had withdrawn, &c.*; and I have a right to assume, that when some days had elapsed after that summons, and his Provincial Grand Secretary sent an official acknowledgment of the receipt of Warrant No. 643, *that Lodge* (I quote his own words,) *having ceased to work under the United Grand Lodge of England*, he had satisfied himself that *all the members had withdrawn*, and placed themselves under the Canadian jurisdiction, as was actually the case.

Under any circumstances it would naturally and reasonably be supposed that R. W. Brother Badgley would only return the Warrant to brethren who were *bonâ-fide active members* at the time he required its production by summons, but such was not the case. A number of Masons—who had from various causes, *ceased to be members of any Lodge*—without proposition and ballot were induced by strenuous exertions to allow themselves *to be called members, and placed in the various offices*. The following are the names:—

Edward Thompson, S. Warden—resigned in 1851, unaffiliated.			
G. F. Prowse, J.	"	1846,	"
J. R. Spong, Secretary,	"	1846,	"
J. G. Sims, Treasurer,	"	1844,	"
J. Whitlaw,	"	1852,	"
P. Duchesnay,	"	1847,	"
W. A. Townsend,	"	1850,	"
C. W. Macon, name erased in		1855,	"
W. Footner,	"	1855,	"
J. O. Brown, retired from "Zetland" Lodge in 1855,			"

These with Brothers C. P. Ladd, W. M., and J. G. Shipway, P.M., and three others who were put down as *Honorary Members*, styled themselves "St. George's" Lodge, No. 643, E. R., and consented to receive back and work under its Warrant; being, as the R.W. Brother Badgely said, its *rightful owners and custodiers*! While "St. George's" Lodge *proper*, having over fifty subscribing members, with the old records, funds, jewels, furniture, and everything else really the property of the Lodge, became part of—has ever since been—and still is harmoniously existing under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Canada. No wonder this last Grand Body with all these facts before them, interdicted all intercourse with the false Simon Pure! and pronounced the Lodge styling itself 643, E. R., to be irregular; a judgment against which I am unaware of any appeal, although passed between two and three years ago.

I cannot, consequently, consent to look upon Warrant, No. 643, as having *legal* existence; but, on the contrary, feel it a duty incumbent on me again to urge upon the Grand Master of England at once to withdraw it from the present holders, for the purpose of being cancelled. The Grand Lodge of Canada will, I may safely give my pledge, be just, and take care that the innocent do not suffer, but, having been received into our Order, however irregularly, be placed in undoubted good standing, and have their Masonic privileges confirmed to them.

The only other Warrant that could have caused a misunderstanding was No. 631, and to revive which an unworthy attempt was not very long ago made, and a Quebec Brother, tampered with, who was formerly on its list of members, as I reported to you on the 27th October last. I am extremely happy to learn by your letter that it is not retained upon the English Registry, but struck off as extinct. The "Zetland" Lodge, (also held in Montreal,) which this Warrant represented, ceased working under England, in 1855, surrendered its Warrant to R. W. Brother Badgely, and became and has ever since existed by the same title, under the jurisdiction of Canada.

Finally, Most Worshipful Brother, I will once again refer to that memorable correspondence of 1859, on which the Grand Lodge of Canada lays such special stress, which you by command, made the basis of your claim for the recognition of the "St. Lawrence" Lodge, Montreal, and which I was happy to give that Lodge the full benefit of. On the 23rd April, the Grand Master of Canada writes:—"I hold that from the establishment of the Grand Lodge of Canada, 1855, the supreme authority in all matters Masonic, relating to this Province, became and was

vested in that Body, and that consequently the power of Grand Masters of other jurisdictions to appoint or even to continue in authority such a class as Provincial Officers then ceased and determined for ever.

And this reasonable deduction is in no manner objected to ; it could not well be, for if we were right in 1859, we were equally so in 1855 ; and the Grand Master of England, on the 2nd June, concludes the correspondence by the following emphatic and gratifying language :—" The Grand Lodge of England participates with me in the gratification I feel at the termination of all differences in reference to the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Canada, and in the earnest desire that the fraternal intercourse of the brethren of the two countries may never more be disturbed."

I think I have not passed over without notice any portion of your communication to me, and I beg you to forward this letter for the consideration of the Grand Master of England, with my assurance that nothing is more anxiously desired by the Canadian Craft than continuous, and, if possible, increasing good-fellowship between our two Grand Lodges, which feeling, believe me, M.W. Brother, sincerely governs and is most fully shared by

Yours very truly and fraternally,

T. DOUGLAS HARINGTON,
Grand Master.

W. C. STEPHENS, Esq.,
Rep. G.L. of England.

[APPENDIX TO ADDRESS, No. 5.]

50, FORT STREET, DETROIT,
Mich., 8th Jan., 1863.

M.W. GRAND MASTER,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 19th December, with reference to the Lodges in Canada claimed by the Grand Lodge of England to be still retained on the Register of that Grand Lodge.

The contents of that letter I shall communicate to the M.W. the Grand Master and Grand Lodge of England.

I have, &c.,

(Signed)

W. C. STEPHENS,
Rep. G.L. of England.

M.W. T. DOUGLAS HARINGTON, Esq.,
Grand Master, G.L. of Canada.

[APPENDIX TO ADDRESS No. 6.]

To all our Right Worshipful, Worshipful and Loving Brethren, of the Antient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, around the Globe.

DECISION IN THE MATTER OF THE ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 209,
REGISTRY OF IRELAND, HOLDEN AT LONDON, C.W.

To all to whom it may concern,

GREETING :

The Grand Lodge of Canada, by resolution on the 11th July last, requested me, as Grand Master, to make further inquiry into the difference now at issue between the Grand Lodge of Ireland, in relation to the above Lodge, and the Grand Lodge of Canada, and also to take such final action in the premises as to me may seem meet; and the said Lodge, affirmed to be clandestine by this last Body, having no additional evidence to bring forward, as to its regularity and good standing, as I have been assured by the R.W. the Representative of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, has left its case in the hands of its Parent Body, which has declared in its favor, and claims for it and its members the most full rights and privileges of Freemasonry; therefore, upon mature consideration, I feel bound to, and do declare the said "St. John's" Lodge, No. 209, R. I., London, to be entitled to full and free recognition by the Grand Lodge of Canada, and all her subordinate Lodges and members belonging thereto, and such being my solemn conviction and decision, I do hereby revoke my edict, bearing date the 16th January last, prohibiting communication with the said "St. John's" Lodge and its members; and, by the power vested in me by the resolution hereinbefore mentioned, I further declare all former decisions, of whatever kind, relating to this matter, null and void and of no further effect, and I do enjoin all Lodges and brethren, hailing under and acknowledging allegiance to the Grand Lodge of Canada, to cultivate and exchange friendly intercourse with the said "St. John's" Lodge and its members, as their Brethren and Fellows in Freemasonry.

My reasons for deciding upon this final action in the premises, and thereby putting an end to a difficulty much to be regretted, now existing between two Grand Bodies, who ought to be united by the closest ties of good-fellowship, are as follows:

1. The Grand Lodge of Canada undoubtedly has the power of questioning the good standing of a foreign subordinate Lodge, working within her territory, under agreement, giving its reasons without loss of time to the supreme authority governing that particular Lodge; but I lay it down as a law in Masonry, that it is

not in the power of one Grand Lodge to continue such sentence of outlawry, when the body to whom allegiance is due, as in the present instance, after solemn inquest, declares itself satisfied that its laws have not been violated, and that the Lodge in question has done nothing to forfeit its Masonic rights and privileges.

2. I find the Grand Lodge of Ireland (by letter from its Grand Secretary) refusing an application from this Lodge, made in October, 1857, to be allowed to keep its Warrant, being the first information or even allusion conveyed to Ireland respecting any connection of the members with the Grand Lodge of Canada. The applicants were then told that the Grand Lodge of Ireland recognized the Grand Lodge of Canada in 1855, on the terms that the Warrants of those Lodges, which, holding under the Irish Constitution, preferred to submit themselves to the Grand Lodge of Canada, should be sent back to Ireland. This not being done, should be received as *prima facie* evidence that "St. John's" Lodge, 209, did not become extinct by a unanimous withdrawal of members, an undoubted necessity to render it binding. It makes that point an exceeding doubtful one, and, in all justice and courtesy, I give the benefit of that doubt to the Grand Lodge of Ireland.

Having thus decided in favor of a subordinate of a Grand Lodge, which was "the first of our Parent Grand Bodies to extend to us the right hand of fellowship; for which prompt and truly fraternal treatment, the Grand Lodge of Canada cannot entertain or express too deep a sense of gratitude," (*See Proceedings, 1856, Page 75,*) and which my predecessor declared, (*See 1856, Page 21,*) "binds us still closer in that bond of brotherly love" which I trust will remain unbroken and unstrained so long as the sun and moon shall endure." I feel compelled before concluding, to record my conviction, that the conduct of Brothers' GARRETT and ROLFE, (who were present at the Grand Lodge of Canada, as Representatives of St. John's Lodge, London, then No. 14, now No. 20, Registry of Canada, up to 1858 inclusive, long subsequent to its recognition by the Grand Lodge of Ireland,) was grievously opposed to the principles of our Order, and the obligation they had voluntarily incurred, and eminently calculated to disturb that harmony so important to the well-being of the Craft and all parties concerned, and I do regret that the Grand Lodge of Ireland has not, as the friend and ally of Canada, given expression to its displeasure as regards those brethren, who, while claiming the protection of the former, have never released themselves from their allegiance to the latter Body.

I feel likewise this to be a proper occasion to deprecate that spirit of local dissention in this country, the certainty of the exist-

ence of which has been forced upon me during my inquiry into this and other important matters. Brethren should remember that they form portions of a vast Order, whose welfare depends upon union, and that it is the general prosperity which has to be consulted and looked after. In the present instance, a Lodge holden at London most improperly passed a Resolution to the effect, that in case I was under the impression that the London Brethren desired the recognition of No. 209, they begged to assure me it was not the case,—as though I was to consult liking or disliking, instead of fairness and justice. I directed the R. W. District Deputy Grand Master to make known my displeasure to that Lodge.

I do hope that no future misunderstanding will mar that friendly communion, which should reign undisturbed between (as I have said of England,) such blood relations as the Grand Masonic Bodies of Ireland and Canada, and which the latter is most anxious to perpetuate.

All which I thus promulgate for the information of Lodges and Brethren, who will govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal of Masonry, at Quebec, this 31st October, A. D., 1862., A. L. 5862.

T. DOUGLAS HARINGTON,
Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Canada.

[APPENDIX TO ADDRESS, No. 7.]

COPY OF RESOLUTION PASSED BY THE GRAND LODGE OF
IRELAND, 5TH FEBRUARY, 1863.

“That this Grand Lodge, having had under consideration the decision of the Grand Master of Canada in the matter of “St. John’s” Lodge, No. 209, Registry of Ireland, dated 31st October, 1862, deem it due to the Grand Master of Canada, to express their sincere acknowledgement of the just and fraternal spirit which pervades that document, and beg to reciprocate the generous wishes of the Grand Master for the perpetuation of the friendly communion, which exists between the Grand Lodges of Canada and of Ireland.

“As the Grand Lodge of Ireland was among the first to recognize the independence of the Grand Lodge of Canada, so it is among the foremost of those who desire its welfare and prize its friendship.

"The difference between the two Grand Lodges being thus happily and fraternally adjusted, the Grand Lodge of Ireland would respectfully suggest to the Grand Master of Canada, the wisdom and propriety of allowing the origin of that temporary difference to fall into oblivion; and they hope that no brother under the Irish Constitution will henceforth afford any ground of complaint to the Grand Master, or the Grand Lodge of Canada.

"And the Grand Lodge of Ireland entreat the brethren of No. 209, and of all other Lodges holding Warrants of the Irish Registry, to cultivate by all means in their power, the most amicable and fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of Canada; the Grand Master of which has proved himself eminently deserving of honor and esteem from all the brotherhood, by the equitable and conciliatory spirit he has evinced on this occasion.

L. S.

The following Reports from the District Deputy Grand Masters for the various Masonic Districts were read :

LONDON DISTRICT.

REPORT.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Canada, in Grand Lodge assembled.

M.W. GRAND MASTER AND BRETHREN,—I have the honor to submit my second annual Report upon the state of Freemasonry, in the District over which I preside. The following nineteen Lodges have been under my charge during the past year :

No. 20—	<i>St. John's</i>	Lodge	London.
" 34—	<i>Thistle</i>	"	Amherstburg.
" 41—	<i>St. George's</i>	"	Kingsville.
" 42—	<i>St. George's</i>	"	London.
" 44—	<i>St. Thomas</i>	"	St. Thomas.
" 46—	<i>Wellington</i>	"	Chatham.
" 47—	<i>Great Western</i>	"	Windsor.
" 56—	<i>Victoria</i>	"	Sarnia.
" 64—	<i>Kilwinning</i>	"	London.

No.	80— <i>Albion</i>	<i>Lodge</i>	Newbury.
"	81— <i>St. John's</i>	"	Delaware.
"	83— <i>Beaver</i>	"	Strathroy.
"	94— <i>St. Mark's</i>	"	Port Stanley.
"	107— <i>St. Paul's</i>	"	Lambeth.
"	111— <i>Morpeth</i>	"	Morpeth.
"	116— <i>Cassia</i>	"	Widder.
"	120— <i>Warren</i>	"	Fingal.
"	140— <i>Malahide</i>	"	Aylmer.
"	143— <i>Burns'</i>	"	Wyoming.

A great majority of these are in a flourishing condition, and it affords me much satisfaction to state that few complaints of any importance have been brought before me, and of these I am not aware that any will require the attention of Grand Lodge.

I have found the Lodges, with but two exceptions, anxious to work correctly, and in accordance with the forms prescribed by Grand Lodge, those in my immediate neighborhood do so, but those in the more remote parts of the District (from the want of sufficient instruction) have not been able to accomplish it. I have regretted I could not devote more time to the Lodges requiring instruction. I have felt fully convinced that but little information, to be of any practical benefit, could be imparted in the course of only one evening.

The W. Master of "Morpeth" Lodge, reports to me that, from the luke-warmness of its members, he "could not succeed in getting a meeting, the few who did meet agreed to dissolve, after giving the others notice to that effect." The W. Master, with five others, request that they may be permitted to retain the Warrant.

DISPENSATIONS.

The brethren of the London Lodges applied to me for a Dispensation to enable them to have a Masonic Ball, on Monday, the 29th December last, to commemorate the Festival of St. John the Evangelist, which I granted. It was a matter of regret to me that I was unable to be present. R.W. Br. T. Wilson presided over the ceremonies.

The M.W. Grand Master was pleased, at my urgent recommendation, to grant a Dispensation to enable "Cassia" Lodge to elect W. Br. Dawson as Master for the third year.

On the 10th April last, I consented to the removal of "Cassia" Lodge, Sylvan, to the village of Widder, in the county of Lambton, in this District.

I granted a Dispensation to the "Great Western" Lodge, Windsor, on the 26th December last, to walk to church in procession, on the Festival of St. John the Evangelist.

OBITUARY.

Three masonic deaths have been reported to me this year. Brother Alexander Scott, P.S.W. of "Victoria" Lodge, Sarnia, died on the 28th October last. His loss has been deeply felt by the Masonic Fraternity among whom he lived; he had endeared himself by his many virtues to all, and his death is mourned by a large circle of sorrowing friends, other than the Brotherhood.

"Albion" Lodge, Newbury, has reported to me the death of Brother Jos. M. Ross, who died on the 26th April, at the ripe old age of fourscore years. He was buried on the following day with masonic honors. He was not a member of any Lodge at the time of his death, but was lately a member of "Wilson" Lodge, No. 113, Waterford. He visited "Albion" Lodge once, and it was his dying request that, at his death, Masons should take charge of his body, and consign it to its final resting-place.

"Wellington" Lodge, Chatham, reports the death of Brother T. M. Taylor, a worthy member of that Lodge. He was buried on the 29th May, with the usual masonic honors.

FINANCE.

In accordance with the request of the Board of General Purposes, the District Secretary, by my direction, notified each Lodge of its arrears to Grand Lodge, up to the 27th December, 1862. The Lodges in arrear, in this District, were as follows:

No. 20—St. John's Lodge, London.....	\$92 00
" 34—Thistle Lodge, Amherstburg	16 50

No. 41—St. George's Lodge, Kingsville, 27th Dec., 1861	\$18 25
Also showing that this Lodge has made no return since that date.	
" 44—St. Thomas Lodge, St. Thomas, an old commuted balance	60 00
" 47—Great Western Lodge, Windsor	97 25
This Lodge made no returns for three half-years, from 24th June, 1860, to 27th Dec., 1861.	
" 56—Victoria Lodge, Sarnia.....	9 50
" 64—Kilwinning Lodge, London.....	10 00
" 94—St. Mark's Lodge, Port Stanley, old balance, 27th December, 1861.....	23 00
" 107—St. Paul's Lodge, Lambeth, 24th June, 1862..	12 00
" 140—Malahide Lodge, Aylmer, C.W., balance.....	5 60
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"Kilwinning" has paid up in full. It has been the custom of "Victoria" Lodge to make its return but once a year, on the 24th June; the indebtedness of this Lodge has been discharged. "St. John's," London; "Thistle," Amherstburg; "St. George's," Kingsville; "St. Marks," Port Stanley; "St. Paul's," Lambeth; "Malahide," Aylmer, C.W. have made no report to me, and I am unable to say why they should be in arrears. I have to ask the indulgence of Grand Lodge on behalf of the "Great Western," Windsor, the year and a half in which no returns have been made the Lodge did not work, in consequence of the withdrawal of a large number of its members without paying their dues, but I have every reason to believe that the members now composing the Lodge will use their best efforts to meet the claims against them; and I would respectfully recommend the Grand Lodge, that upon paying the actual fees received on account of Grand Lodge, that the dues of members be remitted.

I have great pleasure in acknowledging the able assistance I have received from Brother G. B. Clachar, whom I appointed District Secretary.

In retiring from the position which by the generous favor of the brethren I have had the honor and pleasure to hold for the

past two years, I desire to record my grateful acknowledgments for the courteous and fraternal co-operation I have invariably received from the Worshipful Masters and brethren in my District.

In conclusion, I would express my regret that this Report has not been placed in the hands of the Grand Secretary fourteen days before the Annual communication of Grand Lodge, as required by the Constitution. I am fully convinced that any neglect in this respect by the D. D. G. M. might prove prejudicial to the interest of the Craft.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

GEORGE MASSON,

D. D. G. M., London District

WILSON DISTRICT.

REPORT.

*To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Brethren
of the Grand Lodge of Canada, in Grand Lodge assembled.*

Agreeably to the provisions of the Constitution in that behalf, I have the honor to report upon the state of Masonry in the Wilson District, and the Masonic proceedings therein, during the past year.

I regret exceeding that ill-health and other causes, have rendered it impossible for me to visit all the Lodges in this District, or to devote that time and attention to the discharge of the duties of my office, which would have been agreeable to my tastes and inclinations.

Masonry in this District, so far as I have been able to ascertain, both personally and by report, is in a very healthy and flourishing condition. Although no new Lodges have been established, those already constituted are in a very satisfactory state of progress; nor do I consider the non-establishment of new Lodges any evidence of the want of progress or prosperity in this District; considering the area of the District and the extent of its population, I am of opinion that quite a sufficient number of Lodges already exist for the performance of all the Masonic work and the

diffusion of all the Masonic light required therein. My experience has been that, when many new Lodges have been established, or where Lodges have been established in too close proximity to each other, an odious spirit of proselyting is apt to arise; that members, from a desire to increase their numbers, are not sufficiently conservative in the use of the ballot; and that, consequently, unworthy men are not unfrequently admitted to that sacred circle where none but the pure of heart and upright of purpose should enter.

During the past year, I have granted a number of Dispensations to Lodges in this District, to hold Masonic Balls, and to appear clothed as Masons in public processions. I have also granted a Dispensation to the W. M. and brethren of "Norfolk" Lodge, No. 10, to lay the foundation stone of the new County Court House, in this town, on the 23rd proximo.

On the 12th of August last, accompanied by a number of brethren from Simcoe, I availed myself of the kind and fraternal invitation of the Worshipful Master and brethren of "Oxford" Lodge, No. 76, Woodstock, to visit them, and, on that occasion, I had the pleasure of meeting many of the Worshipful Masters and brethren of the District. The Woodstock brethren are proverbial for their hospitality and kindness. On this occasion they were not wanting, and my visit to "Oxford" Lodge will long be remembered by me as one of my most pleasing Masonic reminiscences.

On the anniversary of St. John the Evangelist last, I installed the Worshipful Master of "Norfolk" Lodge, No. 10; and I am happy to report this Lodge in a very prosperous condition. The work heretofore practiced in this Lodge is that popularly known as the "American work," but ever since his accession to the Oriental Chair, the present Worshipful Master has practiced the work adopted by Grand Lodge, and has, by his ability and skill in working, overcome, to a great extent, the prejudice which existed in many minds to what is sometimes erroneously called the "new work." Among the members of "Norfolk" Lodge is that distinguished and warm-hearted Mason, M. W. Br. William M. Wilson, P. G. M., to whom I am under deep and lasting obligations for much valuable Masonic advice and counsel.

In March last, while confined to the house with a severe cold, I received a communication from the Grand Secretary, requiring me to proceed to "King Hiram" Lodge, No. 78, Tilsonburg, to inquire into the circumstances connected with the loss of the Warrant of the said Lodge; and also inclosing a Dispensation from the M.W. Grand Master, to enable them to continue the regular working of the Lodge, until the meeting of Grand Lodge, unless the Warrant should sooner be found. Finding it impossible in the state of my health to attend to the matter personally, I forwarded the Dispensation to the Worshipful Master, and shortly afterwards was gratified to learn from him that the lost Warrant had been found.

I trust that my successor will be able more efficiently to discharge the duties of the office than I have done. But I cannot conclude this report without acknowledging the uniform kindness and courtesies with which I have been everywhere received by my brethren during my official intercourse with them.

All which is respectfully submitted.

CHAS. W. MATHESON,
D.D.G.M., Wilson District.

SIMCOE, 25th June, A.L., 5863.

HURON DISTRICT.

REPORT.

*To the M.W. the Grand Master
and the Grand Lodge of Canada.*

In accordance with the requirements of the Constitution, I beg leave to present my Report for the District over which I have the honor to preside.

I must premise that in assuming the duties of my office, I did so with the full intention and expectation of being able to visit every Lodge, and of devoting sufficient time to post the whole in the established work; this desire, owing to the great increase in

my business engagements, and other unavoidable circumstances, I have not been able to entirely carry out—a circumstance of much regret to me, and it has only been by the greatest exertions I have been able to visit a part, instead of the whole. To those Lodges which I have not had the pleasure of visiting, my apologies are due, they must accept the will for the deed. I may here state that the R. W. Grand Treasurer promised to visit the “St. Lawrence” Lodge No. 131, and “Northern Light” Lodge No. 93, for me, he residing much nearer their locality, would have saved me a long journey, but at the last moment I have received an intimation stating that his engagements preclude his attending to them, and I am consequently thus prevented from making arrangements to meet them. Through ignorance of the exact locality of “Lebanon Forest” Lodge, No. 133, I passed by them, but it is my intention (if not officially, then unofficially) to visit them at an early date, and assist their labors.

The District comprises eleven Lodges, which are spread over a large tract of country, and although there has not been any increase in their number during the past masonic year, it is a circumstance I do not regret, being opposed to the undue increase of Lodges, except in parts where there exists ample material, and which have the advantage of the services of some well-tried craftsman, or brethren possessing the ability and will to perfect themselves in the work; without this it were better Lodges were never established than, (as I have often seen it) after a brief existence, to become dormant, and permanently injure the cause of Masonry in their locality.

It affords me much pleasure to report the excellent spirit which pervades the Lodges—the desire for knowledge, harmonious working, zeal for the advancement of the Order, and, above all, the strict care exercised over the ballot. In this particular I can trace great improvement; the Craft here are assuming a higher moral and intellectual standard. I look forward to the time when the name of a Mason will be synonymous with that of a moral and upright man.

OFFICIAL VISITS.

August 5, 1862.—Visited “Tudor” Lodge, No. 141, in conse-

quence of the sudden withdrawal of their Worshipful Master, thus leaving their Lodge without any qualified officer to discharge its duties. I found the work not correct. I exemplified the Grand Lodge working, and conferred degrees, and from the harmony and good-feeling existing among its members, I have every hope of their future. Finding it was the unanimous wish of the brethren to place their Senior Warden, V.W. Br. Thomas Matheson in the East, I directed him to prepare himself, so that, when elected, he should be able to discharge his duties with credit to himself and to the Craft.

September 1st.—Visited "St. James" Lodge, No. 73. The work was satisfactory. The Lodge has an excellent Hall, and all the requirements of the Craft; but the Worshipful Master complained of the non-attendance of members, a complaint too often heard, brethren are apt to forget "to obey all lawful summonses." Duty should take the place of inclination.

December 29th.—Visited "Tecumseh" Lodge, No. 144; installed the officers elect (together with those of Nos. 73 and 141) of this Lodge. I shall only state (having myself just vacated the chair) that the work is correct. The Lodge was established in 1861, under many difficulties, owing to the break-up of the old "Wellington" Lodge, No. 28, much discord existed amongst the members, it was therefore necessary in establishing the present Lodge to avoid admitting any of those brethren, who had been the cause of destroying the harmony of the other. The difficulties of my situation were increased from the fact of my being a total stranger amongst them (having but just arrived in the town), and at the same time being W. M. of Nos. 81 and 102, however, after much labor it is now prospering well, and if its numbers are small, they are well proved stones, and comprise amongst them several who hold high rank in the craft.

January 7th, 1863.—I again went to "Tudor" Lodge, 141, to inquire into the charges made against their late W. M. The work of the Lodge since I last visited has been changed, and I am now happy to report it correct—a result due to the energy and zeal of the W. M. V. W. Bro. Matheson; and, whilst the same has been a source of gratification to me, it has I know been equally

so to him, from the increased prosperity of the Lodge. They have had a new Hall built to accommodate their increasing numbers.

April 20th.—Visited “Irving” Lodge, 154. This Lodge is progressing favorably, with concord and unity amongst its members. The work is American. I impressed upon the Lodge the importance of adopting the established work, but must confess the brethren are placed under circumstances of great difficulty. The W. M. has devoted much time to perfect himself in his present work, and has under many obstacles established the Lodge, and being out of the reach of any Brother capable of affording the necessary instruction, it is almost an impossibility for him to meet the requirements of Grand Lodge. This Lodge is also having a commodious Hall built. I installed the W. M. elect of No. 133.

April 22.—Visited “Clinton” Lodge, No. 84. This flourishing Lodge has lately erected a handsome Hall after the designs of R. W. Bro. Kivas Tully, and the elegant and appropriate manner in which it has been furnished, reflects much credit upon the Clinton brethren. I found the Lodge well worked according to the American system, but upon my exemplifying the established ritual, they at once expressed their wish to adopt the same, and which the energy of their excellent W. M. Bro. R. H. Read, I feel convinced will soon accomplish. The certain result of perfect harmony was evident in the prosperity of the Lodge.

April 22rd.—Visited “Maitland” Lodge, No. 112. I have pleasure in reporting most favorably of this Lodge. It is ably governed by W. Bro. M. C. Cameron, the work very good and strictly correct; every care had evidently been taken to prepare the subordinate officers for their respective duties, and much harmony exists amongst its members. Complaints were made of the loose manner in which the other Lodge in Goderich (under an English Warrant) were working, in accepting every one who presented themselves, and as I was informed in many cases at a small fee, or upon credit, thus in that locality bringing discredit upon the Craft. I informed the brethren that I could do nothing in the matter, but that the evil would soon work its own cure.

June 30th.—Visited “Grand River” Lodge, 151. This Lodge is flourishing, having been well governed by their late W. M. Br. W. D. Perine. I anticipate a prosperous career for the Lodge.

I was much pleased to meet the W. M. and brethren of “Alma” Lodge, No. 72 (a Lodge it has not been in my power to meet), but although denied the satisfaction of visiting them, I have felt less compunction in this than in other cases, from the fact that it numbers amongst its members our late worthy D. D. G. M. and several well-skilled P. M’s., therefore requires no help from me. By report the Lodge is all that I could wish.

DISPENSATIONS.

During the year I have granted three Dispensations, one to No. 133, and to No. 154, to appear in regalia at Masonic Balls on the 27th December, and one to “Tudor” Lodge, No. 141, to initiate James Hill, as a serving Brother, without fee. The fees accruing from the above I have handed to the R. W. Grand Secretary.

On the 18th March, I received a communication from Brother B. Fralick, inclosing petition for Dispensation for a Lodge at Wroxeter. This petition from the irregularity of the recommendation, the unmasonic feeling existing in the neighborhood and other satisfactory causes, I could not recommend to be granted, and the M.W. Grand Master was pleased to adopt my views on the subject.

OBITUARY.

On the 27th of September, I buried P. M., R. H. Lee, with masonic honors. He was universally respected by the Craft in this District, being a Mason of forty-four years’ good standing, and the founder of “Wellington” Lodge, No. 28, now extinct.

MASONIC CHARGES.

In November last, I received a communication from the Secretary of “Tudor” Lodge, No. 141, stating that their Worshipful Master had left them, at the same time preferring serious charges against him. I allowed a short period to elapse before proceeding to enquire into these charges, hoping that in the meantime the Worshipful brother would return to vindicate his

character ; however, after due summons, I, on the 7th of January, last, investigated the said charges, which were fully sustained, I suspended him, and reported the suspension to the M.W. Grand Master, who confirmed the same. It is now my painful duty to ask Grand Lodge to proceed against the brother for expulsion. I have appended the papers connected with the charges to this report.

In conclusion, whilst returning my thanks to the brethren of the District for the generous kindness I have experienced during my visits, I must not neglect to mention the valuable aid I have received from V.W. Br. Charles Kahn, who has accompanied me upon nearly every occasion, and assisted me by his counsels.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN DUTTON,
D.D.G.M., Huron District.

JULY, A.L., 5863.

HAMILTON DISTRICT.

REPORT.

*To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Brethren of
the Grand Lodge of Canada, in Grand Lodge assembled.*

M. W. SIR AND BRETHREN—In submitting my second annual Report on the condition of Masonry in the Hamilton District, I beg again to apologize for my dereliction of duty in not having visited all the Lodges in my District, and to reproach myself for having accepted an office I had not the time or perhaps the ability to fill ; indeed, to discharge the duties of a D. D. G. M. properly, would require an amount of time and means few business men can spare. Fortunately for me the old Hamilton District requires but little supervision, made up as it is, mostly of old Lodges practising the work of the Grand Lodge of Canada, for it must be borne in mind that the Hamilton District is the parent of the Grand Lodge of Canada, and with the R. W. Grand Secretary (whose Masonic knowledge and kindness is admitted by all) in its centre, the duties of the office have been much lightened. The Lodges are all in good working order, and all practising the

Canadian work, which in one or two instances I found it necessary to exemplify. All are looking closely to the state of their finances and the selection of material. I have endeavored to impress the necessity of this upon the minds of all, and I think with a beneficial effect. Several Lodges had been for some time past considerably embarrassed in regard to their finances, but I am happy to be able now to report that they have all succeeded in overcoming their difficulties, and are in a prosperous condition. Two Lodges, viz.: "St. John's," of Cayuga, and "Acacia," had been for some time dormant, but have again resumed labor, and are now working with a will. On the Festival of St. John the Evangelist, I installed the Worshipful Master and assisted in the investiture of the other officers of "Ivy" Lodge, Smithville. On the 27th of December, I granted a Dispensation to "Strict Observance," "St. John's," and "Acacia" Lodges, of Hamilton, permitting them to appear in masonic clothing upon the occasion of the celebration of the Festival of St. John the Evangelist. Upon the the 4th of February I granted a Dispensation to "Union" Lodge, Grimsby, permitting the brethren to appear in masonic clothing at a ball given by their Lodge in aid of the Lancashire Relief Fund. On the 24th of June I granted a Dispensation to "Barton" Lodge, of Hamilton, and to "Union" Lodge, Grimsby, permitting them to appear in masonic clothing upon the Festival of St. John the Baptist, which festival they, in conjunction with the other Hamilton Lodges, celebrated at Grimsby, by an excursion and pic-nic, and on the same day I granted a Dispensation to "St. Andrew's" Lodge, Caledonia, permitting them to attend divine service in masonic clothing. This is the second time I have granted a Dispensation to this Lodge for this purpose, since I have had the honor of presiding over the District, and I would recommend other Lodges to follow the example set by them, believing as I do that the perpetuity of our ancient and most honorable Order is mainly due to the fact, that we ever recognize the All-Seeing Eye, and the Sacred Volume—the one an emblem of a superintending Providence, and the other as the rule and guide of our faith.

Since our last Communication a zealous and faithful officer of Grand Lodge has been summoned from amongst us to attend the Grand Lodge above. I allude to Br. John Morrison, who

for upwards of twenty years had filled the office of Grand Tyler, first in the Provincial Grand Lodge for Canada West, and at the formation of this Grand Lodge, he was unanimously elected Grand Tyler, which office he continued to hold until his death, which occurred at Hamilton, on the 5th August, 1862, at which place his remains were followed to his last resting-place by a large number of the Craft, and were consigned to the grave with the usual masonic ceremonies.

I beg to acknowledge and to thank the brethren in and out of my District for the uniform kindness I have received from them, especially those of the Grimsby and Hamilton Lodges. I feel particularly indebted to the late Worshipful Master of "Union" Lodge, the Grand Superintendent of Works, who has kindly consented to act as District Secretary during my two years' term of office, and who has uniformly accompanied me in my visits, and upon several occasions assisted me in the exemplification of the work.

All which is most respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM FITCH,

D.D.G.M., Hamilton District.

TORONTO DISTRICT.

REPORT.

*To the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge
of Free and Accepted Masons of Canada.*

In accordance with the requirements of the Constitution and the laws of Grand Lodge, I have the honor herewith to submit the annual Report of the Toronto District.

On assuming the duties of District Deputy Grand Master of this the most extensive Masonic District in Canada, now numbering twenty-four Lodges on its roll, I was partially aware of the labor attending it, but I certainly was not prepared for the amount of labor that would be involved in bringing the Lodges in the rural districts up to the standard of those in the Cities. I found that

many of them had not provided themselves with the proper forms, and, in some cases, the working tools were defective ; in the work also, many irregularities existed, but I trust the whole of these defects will now shortly be amended. Many of the Lodges had not met for several months ; indeed I almost felt it my duty to at once suspend them, and report them to higher authority, but, after remonstrating with some, and commenting severely on others, I at length happily succeeded in inducing some good men to replace these unworthy brethren ; and I am much pleased in stating that, by strenuous exertions and assisted by these worthy brethren, I hope yet to see these Lodges regain their former high estate, and take rank with their more fortunate sisters.

Most happy am I to bear testimony to the highly prosperous condition of the harmony and good feeling which exists among the city Lodges, whose working is excellent, and strictly in accordance with the ritual of Grand Lodge ; to many of the country Lodges the same tribute must be paid, prominent among which are, " St. George's," No. 28, " Corinthian," No. 51, " Corinthian," No. 96, " Vaugham," No. 54, " True Blue," No. 98, " Western Light," No. 13, and " Rising Sun," Aurora.

Early in April last, I had great pleasure in handing to W. Br. Cochrane, a very old and zealous Mason, a Dispensation under the signature of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, to enable him, with the necessary number of qualified brethren, to open a new Lodge in the Village of Eglinton, in the Township of York, about six miles from the City of Toronto—to be called the " York " Lodge—which Lodge was accordingly opened, and with pleasure I report the same to be in a promising condition, and consequently I feel it to be my duty to recommend to Grand Lodge that they will be pleased to grant a Warrant to said Lodge.

On the 6th of December last, I recommended the M. W. the Grand Master (after I had personally visited the Lodge) to grant a Dispensation to enable W. Bro. Henderson of " Pythagoras " Lodge, Meaford, to occupy the Chair of the Lodge for a third year.

This I did, as I was assured there was no qualified Brother to succeed him, and I found it to be the unanimous wish of the

brethren, this Dispensation the Most Worshipful the Grand Master was pleased to grant.

On the Festival of St. John the Evangelist, I proceeded to Simcoe Lodge, Bradford, and installed Brother Barry W. M. of that Lodge. I then drove over to Newmarket, and installed Bro. N. A. Gamble, W. M. of "Tuscan," and Bro. W. Trent, W. M. of "Sharon" Lodge. The same evening I arrived at Richmond Hill, and installed W. Brother Ingram, P. M., of "Vaughan" Lodge, Maple, into the Chair of "Richmond" Lodge, No. 23. On the Festival of St. John the Baptist, I had the pleasure of installing Br. John Kerr, Worshipful Master of "St. John's" Lodge, No. 75.

During the festival season at Christmas last, I granted three Dispensations for holding Masonic Balls; and on the Festival of St. John the Baptist, I granted a Dispensation to "St. George's" Lodge, Owen Sound, for the Brethren to appear in Masonic clothing at their Annual Excursion, and also to the brethren of "Markham Union" Lodge, Markham, and "Richardson" Lodge, Cashel, jointly to appear in procession to proceed to church in Masonic clothing.

On the 28th March last, I received from Grand Secretary a list of the Lodges in my District, which were in arrear to Grand Lodge, together with the several amounts of their indebtedness, these I immediately forwarded to the respective Lodges, at the same time expressing the desire that the same may be liquidated by the 1st of May last past, and I am happy to say that in most cases this has been complied with.

I have visited nearly all the Lodges in my District, many of them several times, I have exemplified the work on every opportunity, and during last winter, I held several (weekly) Lodges of Instruction in the Village of Newmarket, as being the most central position for eight Lodges; but I am very sorry to say the attendance of the brethren did not meet my expectation.

At all times I have made it the rule to visit frequently those Lodges which I thought required my services most. This will account for my apparent neglect of others, who I knew were in good working order, and under competent Masters,

There were three Masonic burials in this District during the year, one a Brother of "St. John's" Lodge, Toronto, the second a member of "True Blue" Lodge, Albion, and the third a member of "George's" Lodge, Owen Sound—the latter, at the advanced age of 71 years.

Late last fall I received a notification from Grand Secretary, stating the Most Worshipful the Grand Master had been pleased to appoint me, to try to arrange the differences which had existed for *five years* between "Western Light" and "True Blue" Lodges, both situated in the Village of Bolton, in this District, and during which period these difficulties had been continually before Grand Lodge. These difficulties, slight in themselves, had magnified into serious quarrels,—accordingly, on the 11th of November last, I summoned the members of both Lodges to meet me in their respective Lodge rooms, in the Village of Bolton, on the 3rd day of December following, when I would proceed to investigate the complaint. On the last named day I met the members of both Lodges, as agreed; and all the cause of complaint that I could glean was, that Very Worshipful Brother W. Graham, had in his possession, and would not surrender the Banner and some funds formerly belonging to the old "Western Light" Lodge, No. 17, Provincial Registry, and of which the present one, No. 13, is the legitimate successor. Certainly some of the brethren wished to go back to 1858 and open up a cause of complaint which had been settled at that time by one of my predecessors, R. W. Br. Francis Richardson, the report thereon, and his final judgment on the case will be found in the archives of Grand Lodge—to have done this would have been simply impertinence on my part, as it has been passed on and confirmed by Grand Lodge, I therefore declined, and contented myself with finding out the *present* cause of complaint, and adjudicating thereon.

After nearly a day and night spent in the matter, I found all my efforts to reconcile the contending parties fruitless, consequently I left them, satisfied that nothing but the most stringent measures would ever heal the schism, I therefore forwarded to the M. W. the Grand Master my reports thereon, dated respectively, the 6th of

December and the 26th of December following, in whose possession these documents now are. In the later report I gave my opinion and decision, which was that Very Worshipful Br. W. Graham, W. M. of "True Blue" Lodge, No. 98, should place the banner in dispute in my hands, for transmission to the proper owners, &c." The funds, \$10 24c., part of the matter in dispute having been previously handed to me by V. W. Br. Graham, stating it to be the wish of "True Blue" Lodge, that it should be placed to the credit of the "*Masonic Asylum* Fund; and, as I knew it was the unanimous desire of the brethren of "Western Light" Lodge, that it should be so disposed of, I was only too well pleased to meet the views of all concerned, in so charitable a disposal of this portion of the difference.

On the 28th of January, I received a letter from the M.W. the Grand Master, acknowledging receipt of reports, and confirming (in substance) my decision, and fixing the 1st of March as the day on which the banner should be given to me. Secondly. On the default of V.W. Br. Graham complying with this mandate, a second peremptory summons was to issue, again to the same effect, and naming the 1st of April as the time limited; and on his failing to comply in both these instances, I was ordered to suspend V.W. Br. W. Graham, in the name of and by the direction of the M.W. the Grand Master, "until he, the said V.W. Br. W. Graham does place the said banner in your (my) hands."

I accordingly forwarded a copy of my reports, together with the M.W. Grand Master's letter, and also a summons as desired. On the 6th of March following, I received an appeal from V.W. Br. Graham, which I at once transmitted to the M.W. the Grand Master. On the 26th of March, I received a letter from the M.W. the Grand Master, acknowledging receipt of appeal, and virtually instructing me to proceed. I therefore, on the 31st of March, issued the final summons, of which V.W. Br. W. Graham has taken no notice. Accordingly, as commanded, I issued the Grand Master's final order of suspension.

By the action of V.W. Br. Graham, in giving up to me the funds of the old "Western Light" Lodge, he certainly has acknowledged the justice of the claim of its successor, and on what grounds he

still retains the banner, I am at a loss to conceive—both being claimed by “Western Light” Lodge as their property.

Although in this case much ill-feeling has been engendered in the village and neighborhood where the opposing Lodges meet, I cannot but hope that, as a decision has been arrived at, this feeling will shortly be allayed, the primary cause having been removed. In the matter, I have acted without fear, favor, or affection, and have striven to do my duty faithfully and impartially; and whilst being aware that it would be impossible to please all parties, I have happily, I believe, succeeded in securing the approbation in the matter of the esteemed head of our Institution, who has cordially sanctioned and directed every step I have taken in this unfortunate quarrel.

All of which I have the honor to submit,

A. DE GRASSI,

District Deputy Grand Master, Toronto District.

TORONTO, July 1st, 1863.

CENTRAL DISTRICT.

REPORT.

*To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers
and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Canada.*

I have the honor to report that the Lodges within this District are generally in good and efficient working order, creditable alike to the officers and brethren. During the past official year, I have visited several, and with pleasure inform you of the true masonic spirit and emulation which prevail. The work sanctioned by the Grand Lodge is being adopted by the majority, indeed if not by all the working Lodges, and I have found a very great desire evinced at all times to correct the previous system, by adopting that which the Grand Lodge of Canada has enjoined. It has lightened my duties to a very great degree to find that all the Lodges I have visited cheerfully acquiesce in any changes I have recommended, so as to conform with the ceremonial sanctioned by the Grand Lodge.

The By-laws of "Aylmer" Lodge, No. 138, "Excelsior," No. 142, and the "Friendly Brothers," No. 143, have been submitted to me, and, in accordance with the Constitution, were duly forwarded to the Grand Master for his approval, as an evidence of the knowledge of masonic jurisprudence and principles which happily extends throughout these Lodges. The By-laws in every instance were sanctioned with but little alteration.

On the 29th of November last, I granted a Dispensation to the "Aylmer" Lodge, No. 138, to appear in public in full regalia; the brethren had a praiseworthy object in view, and I had great pleasure in acceding to the request.

The "Mississippi" Lodge, No. 147, prayed, in June last, for a Dispensation to form a public procession and take part in laying the corner stone of the Church at Almonte. I granted the petition finding that the District Deputy Grand Master for the Huron District had, in July, A.D., 1862, exercised similar powers. I fully agree with the recommendation of the Board of General Purposes, that the power of granting Dispensations by the District Deputy Grand Masters should be restricted to merely "on occasions of public processions and funerals."

I beg leave to bear testimony to the many acts of kindness and courtesy evinced by the brethren of the Central District, on the occasion of my visiting their Lodges, and who, in several instances, met together at some inconvenience, no doubt in order that I might preside and instruct with as little inconvenience as possible, and saving of time to myself.

In conclusion, it is a source of the highest pleasure to report, that no masonic grievance or complaint has been brought under my notice, which of itself is an undeniable proof of the successful working of the Lodges in this District, under the fostering care of the Grand Lodge of Canada.

All which is respectfully and fraternally submitted.

JAS. A. HENDERSON,

D.D.G.M., Central District

KINGSTON, July 6, A.D., 1863.

MONTREAL DISTRICT.

REPORT.

*To the M.W. the Grand Master
and the Grand Lodge of Canada.*

In accordance with the requirements of the Constitution, I have the honor to submit to Grand Lodge a brief statement of the condition of Freemasonry in the District of Montreal.

The number of Lodges in the District are the same as last year, viz :—

Lodge of Antiquity	Br. F. Dettmers,	W.M.
St. George's, No. 19	" R. A. Smith,	"
Zetland, " 21	" A. Hoffnung,	"
Hoyle, " 60	" R. Foster,	"
Montreal Kilwinning, No. 124.	" J. Renshaw,	"

With one exception, I have visited officially all these Lodges, at various times during the year, and have to report that, on the whole, their affairs wear a satisfactory aspect. The officers, generally, are exceedingly zealous and attentive to the duties of their offices, and are well supported by the membership, who, for the most part, are regular in their attendance at the meetings, and manifest a becoming interest in the concerns of the Order. The accession of members, in the aggregate, though perhaps not so great as might have been expected, yet indicates a healthy, prosperous condition.

A considerable degree of harmony and good feeling prevails amongst our brethren. In only one instance has official action on my part been required, which resulted in the suspension of a Past Master of the senior Lodge in the Province, but as I have already furnished the M.W. the Grand Master with a full report of the case, it is not necessary to do more than simply allude to it here.

Two brethren of "St. George's" Lodge, No. 19, have been removed by death during the year, viz :—*Brother Neil Douglas*, a young man and very zealous Mason, who, at the time of his death, (December 20, 1862,) held a subordinate office in the Lodge,

and whose future seemed full of promise, and *Brother John McLeavey*, who died at the advanced age of ninety-three, having been a Mason since 1814, the long period of forty-nine years. Both brethren were very highly respected, and their memories are held in affectionate remembrance. These are the only deaths in the District that have been reported to me.

It is a matter of regret that the "Zetland" Lodge has lost its zealous and talented Master, W. Br. A. Hoffnung, who has recently removed from the Province, to take up his residence in the United States.

On the 18th of June, I received an application from the Secretary of "Montreal Kilwinning" Lodge, No. 124, requesting permission for the members of that Lodge to wear regalia at a celebration proposed to be held at Centreville, in the state of New York, on the 27th of that month, the Festival of St. John the Baptist. Had the celebration taken place within the limits of my District, I should gladly have accorded the permission asked for, but beyond that, I conceived I had no authority, and replied accordingly.

I have received from the Secretary of "St. George's" Lodge a series of resolutions unanimously adopted at a recent meeting of that Lodge while discussing the proposed amended constitution, and as they accord entirely with my own views on that subject, I have incorporated them in this Report. They are to the following effect:—

Resolved—That in the opinion of the members of this Lodge the business of Grand Lodge could be more efficiently and satisfactorily conducted through the medium of committees, (as was originally the case in the Grand Lodge of Canada) than by a Board of General Purposes, which in their opinion, ought to be abolished.

Resolved—That should be Board of General Purposes be continued, however, this Lodge is of opinion that the powers proposed to be conferred upon it, are far greater than any Board ought to possess, and would recommend their curtailment to a very considerable extent.

Resolved—That the representatives of this Lodge be instructed to advocate these views at the approaching meeting of Grand Lodge.

Before closing, I would again impress upon Grand Lodge, the desirability of adopting measures to secure alternate meetings of Grand Lodge at Toronto and Montreal, or any other places that

may be deemed more accessible or acceptable to the brethren throughout the Province. By adopting this course it is believed that the Craft in both sections of the country will realize and enjoy, in a greater degree than they do at present, the privileges and advantages which it was intended and expected they would derive from the establishment of the Grand Lodge of Canada.

The whole, nevertheless, respectfully submitted.

A. A. STEVENSON,

D.D.G.M., for the District of Montreal.

MONTREAL, July 7, 1863.

EASTERN TOWNSHIPS DISTRICT.

REPORT.

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Master
and the Grand Lodge of Canada.*

I have the honor, in accordance with the constitutional requirements, to present Grand Lodge with a brief statement of the condition of Masonry in the Eastern Townships District.

The Lodges in this District, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Canada, are ten in number, viz :—

Provost	Lodge, No.	1.....	Dunham.
Dorchester	" "	4.....	St. Johns.
Nelson	" "	8.....	Phillipsburg.
Golden Rule	" "	12.....	Stanstead.
Shefford	" "	53.....	Waterloo.
St. Francis	" "	67.....	Richmond.
Victoria	" "	71.....	Sherbrooke.
Stanbridge	" "	117.....	Stanbridge.
Yamaska	" "	130.....	Granby.
Clarenceville	" "	152.....	Clarenceville.

My business has been of such a nature for the past year that it has been impossible for me to visit all the Lodges in the District, but I am happy to say, that they are in a most prosperous condition, and I believe are working according to the ritual adopted

by Grand Lodge, and the utmost harmony prevails amongst the members.

There has been one masonic funeral in the District the past year, that of Br. George E. Pattee, S.W. of "Stanbridge" Lodge, who was buried with masonic honors in this town, October 23. He was a young Physician of great promise, and had, from the kindness of his disposition, endeared himself to all who knew him, but more especially to those who knew him the best. He was followed to the grave by a large body of Masons, friends and acquaintances, who mourned his loss.

I have granted but one Dispensation this last year, and that was on the 19th of June, to "Prevost" Lodge, No. 1, of Dunham, empowering them to appear in regalia in public on the 24th—St. John's Day.

On returning into the hands of this Grand Lodge the trust reposed in me, I beg to thank the officers and brethren of all the Lodges I have visited during the two years that I have had the honor to preside over them, for their uniform kindness, and at the same time, to assure them of my best wishes for the welfare of the Craft in Canada, and in the Eastern Townships District in particular.

All which is most respectfully submitted.

G. T. MOREHOUSE,

D.D.G.M., Eastern Townships District.

QUEBEC DISTRICT.

REPORT.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Canada.

In accordance with the regulations of Grand Lodge, I have pleasure in forwarding my third annual Report of the proceedings of Masonry within this District.

I am happy to say that the three Lodges under my jurisdiction are progressing favorably, and are steadily increasing their list of members.

I regret that owing to deep affliction and deaths in my family, I have been unable to pay that attention to the Lodges under my supervision as I would have otherwise done during the past year ; I sincerely trust, however, that I will be able to report more specially as to their condition and efficiency of working, by the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge.

I have further to express my regret, that owing to the circumstance of its having pleased T. G. A. O. T. U. to visit my family with deep affliction by the death, during the past month, of a dear and elder brother, the late Mayor of Quebec, I was unable to present this Report in time for the recent Communication of Grand Lodge, in Montreal, or to attend thereat.

The whole, nevertheless, respectfully submitted.

R. POPE,
D.D.G.M.

QUEBEC, July 27, 1863.

It was on motion,

Resolved—That the consideration of matters contained in the M.W. Grand Master's address be referred to the Board of General Purposes, to report thereon to this Grand Lodge.

The following special Report from the Board of General Purposes, was read :

SPECIAL REPORT.

The Board of General Purposes beg to make a special report on the following complaints, received and adjudicated on by them :—

1st. Against Br. Robert Moore, of " Vaughan " Lodge, No. 54, for a criminal violation of the laws of the realm, and for which he has been convicted by the courts of justice. The Board having been satisfied with the justice of the course pursued by " Vaughan " Lodge, sustain the sentence of suspension pronounced by the Lodge, and recommend that Br. Robert Moore be expelled the Craft.

2nd. Against Br. David McCarty, of " Union " Lodge, No. 7,

Grimsby, for extremely gross unmasonic conduct. The Board found the charge proven, confirm the sentence of suspension, and recommend that Br. David McCarty be expelled the Craft.

W. B. SIMPSON,

President B. G. P.

It was moved by R.W. Br. W. B. Simpson, seconded by R.W. Br. A. DeGrassi, and

Resolved—That the special Report from the Board of General Purposes, recommending the expulsion of David McCarty and Robert Moore, be received and adopted.

The Grand Secretary read the following

REPORTS :

The Board of General Purposes beg to report, that they have received and adjudicated on the following complaint:—

A charge by “Manito” Lodge, No. 90, that “King” Lodge, No. 70, had initiated a gentleman residing within the jurisdiction of the former Lodge, without the consent of said Lodge. “King” Lodge admitted the correctness of the charge; and the Board, in view of several mitigating circumstances, decided that “King” Lodge should pay to the funds of the Grand Lodge, by way of fine, the amount received for the initiation of the Brother referred to. “Manito” Lodge has given notice of appeal against this decision of the Board, as too lenient.

The Board have also to report, that the books of the Grand Secretary and Treasurer, were on the 25th of February, audited to the end of the financial year, viz., 31st December, and that they are satisfied of their correctness. A full financial report has been sent to each Lodge.

The receipts from all sources for the year 1862, amount to \$4,881.77; and as compared with \$4,121.30, received during 1861, shews an increase of \$760.47.

The Board regret to find, that at that time,

3 Lodges were in arrears since 24th June, 1860, and made no return since.							
5	“	“	“	27th Dec.,	“	“	1860.
10	“	“	“	24th June,	“	“	1861.
9	“	“	“	27th Dec.,	“	“	1861.
58	“	“	“	24th June,	“	“	1862.

making eighty-five Lodges in arrears on the 24th June, 1862, or upwards of half of the whole number of Lodges on the roll, and that forty-three had not, on the 28th February, 1863, made the returns and payments due on the 27th December, 1862, leaving only thirty Lodges which had at that time paid up all arrears, of which eight Lodges had over paid in all \$40.96.

The Audit Committee, in commenting on this statement, very justly remark :

“That not only is such persistent neglect utterly at variance with masonic law and unjust in its effect to Grand Lodge, but most injurious to the Lodges respectively.

“That there can be no just reason offered why the returns of a Lodge should be withheld beyond six months after the date at which such returns should have been furnished, and that the neglect in such cases augurs a condition of affairs highly injurious to the character and good standing of the Lodges so in arrears.”

The Board directed the Grand Secretary to address the District Deputy Grand Masters, in which the Lodges more than eighteen months in arrears are situated, and respectfully request them to investigate the condition of such Lodges, and awake them to a sense of their masonic duty, and to report before the 1st day of May.

The Board directed the Grand Secretary to notify all Lodges who have neglected to make returns and payments to Grand Lodge for twelve months, that the law, as provided in the Constitution, will in each case be strictly enforced.

The Board strongly recommend to Grand Lodge that the law with regard to Lodges in arrears, be rigidly enforced, believing that if this is done, it will have a most beneficial effect. They are also strongly of opinion that the proposed addition to the duties of District Deputy Grand Masters, as recommended in the Draft of Constitution, herewith laid before Grand Lodge, providing that they shall see “that returns have been regularly forwarded, with all fees and dues that may have accrued,” will prove to be a most judicious and desirable improvement.

The Board have also to report that R.W. Brs. Spence,

Richardson, Tully, and DeGrassi, have been appointed, together with the Chairman of the Board, trustees for the Asylum Fund, and that there then was at the credit of that trust, on the 25th of February, \$1,360.50, contributed by thirty Lodges, and that \$735.50 in addition was subscribed for by five Lodges, but not then paid, since which time circulars have been sent to every Lodge which had not subscribed to the fund, reciting the action hitherto taken and urging the propriety of their contributing, and up to the 24th of June, \$111.50, in addition to the above, has been contributed by three Lodges.

It had been the intention of the Board to open the tenders for a site for the Masonic Asylum, at the meeting in February last, but in view of the small amount then subscribed, and from the injurious effects which, in the opinion of the Board would have followed the selection of a site at that period, they deemed it advisable to defer opening the tenders until the meeting of the Board, immediately preceding the sitting of Grand Lodge, hoping that by that time the contributions to the Asylum Fund would be considerably augmented. In this hope the Board regret to say that they have been deeply disappointed, and, therefore, respectfully recommend that the tenders already received be returned unopened to the parties from whom they emanated, and that no further action be taken for another year, during which time the money in hand could be safely invested at good interest by the trustees.

The Board have every reason to believe that under the present circumstances their recommendation to Grand Lodge, as to the Asylum Fund, will meet its approval, but they conceive they would not be doing their duty were they not to bring before Grand Lodge another question which has engaged their serious attention as well as that of members of the Craft, viz : the establishment of a fund of benevolence, separate and distinct from the general fund.

It is unnecessary to say one word as to the desirability of this object, it forcibly and at once commends itself to the attention of all. Should Grand Lodge see fit to establish such a fund, by setting apart a certain portion of the monies now on hand for that purpose, and by appropriating a percentage of all the fees and dues accruing to Grand Lodge, with the sum of \$1,600, allotted

for that purpose by the Provincial Grand Lodge of C.W. some years since, and which now forms a portion of the assets of the Grand Lodge, a very respectable nucleus might be at once formed, without placing a single additional burden on the Lodges.

The capital thus created, and thus added to, and augmented year by year, would be safely and permanently invested, and the interest alone available for the purposes of benevolence. A very few and simple rules only would be necessary for its management. Two or more trustees would of course be required to invest the money, and the charity could be dispensed either by the present Board of General Purposes, or such Committee as the Grand Lodge might see fit to appoint, power might be given them to form rules for their guidance in the distribution of the charity, subject to the approval of Grand Lodge. The Board do not deem it advisable in the present stage of the question, to recommend what precise sum it would be requisite to set apart from the general assets of the Grand Lodge, or the amount they would consider prudent to apply for the future from the returns of Lodges; this they conceive forms a fair subject for discussion in Grand Lodge itself.

The Board, at the meeting held in February last, devoted a great deal of time and consideration to the amendments required to the Constitution, as referred to them by Grand Lodge. They took every means in their power to secure the suggestions of every Lodge, and every Brother, by inviting their co-operation; the result of their careful deliberations was sent to every Lodge, and at a subsequent meeting, a few alterations were discussed.

The Constitution as a whole is now submitted to the action of Grand Lodge, not as a perfect document, but as a very decided improvement on what has been hitherto in use.

The Board regret that they have not been able to take into consideration the reports of the D.D.G.M's., none having been laid before them.

W. B. SIMPSON,
P. B. G. P.

The consideration of the foregoing Report was taken up, *seriatim*, and after a full discussion, the several clauses were agreed to by Grand Lodge.

It was moved by R.W. Br. W. B. Simpson, seconded by R.W. Br. A. DeGrassi, and

Resolved—That the Report of the Board of General Purposes, as read, be received and adopted.

NOTICES OF MOTION. .

By R. W. Br. J. C. Franck,—That the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge be holden at the town of Belleville.

By W. Br. W. H. Floyd,—That the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge be holden at the town of Cobourg.

By R. W. Br. Wm. Fitch,—That the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge be holden at the city of Hamilton.

By W. Br. John Paterson,—That the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge be holden at the city of Toronto.

By W. Br. Isaac B. Taylor,—That the next Meeting of Grand Lodge be holden at the city of Ottawa.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment, to meet at 10 o'clock, A.M., on to-morrow, Thursday.

THURSDAY, July 9, 1863.

The Grand Lodge resumed its sittings at 10 o'clock, A.M.

M.W. Br. T. Douglas Harington, Grand Master,
On the Throne.

Grand Officers, Members and Representatives.

In accordance with notice given, it was moved by R.W. Br. Wm. Fitch, that the next Annual Communication be holden at the City of Hamilton.

In amendment, it was moved that the city of Toronto be the next place for holding the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge.

It was also moved, in amendment, that the town of Cobourg be the next place of meeting.

It was further moved, in amendment, that the city of Ottawa be the place for holding the next Meeting of Grand Lodge.

The different places named having been severally submitted to a vote of Grand Lodge, it was declared in favor of the city of Hamilton, by a majority over all.

The M.W. Grand Master read the following Report from the acting Grand Treasurer for the past year.

GRAND TREASURER'S SPECIAL REPORT.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Grand Wardens and Brethren of the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Canada, of Free and Accepted Masons, in Grand Lodge assembled.

May it please your Most Worshipful Body—

I, the undersigned Henry Groff (your Grand Treasurer for the year ending July, 1862), beg leave to represent that the Brother elected at the last Annual Communication to supersede me, not having assumed his duties, I have, at the request of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, continued to act as your Grand Treasurer.

And I now beg to report on the Finances of your Most Worshipful Body, as follows:—

FIRSTLY.—GENERAL FUND.

That the amount on hand at the last Annual Communication was \$5,410.41, which was represented by—

Gore Bank Deposit Receipts, bearing interest at 4 per	
cent per annum	\$4,812 00
Cash	598 41
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5,410 41	

That for the six months ending 31st December last, there was paid into my hands, as per detailed statement published, \$2,859.87, and the payments during the same period were, \$995.84, leaving on hand at the latter date, \$7,272.44, which was represented by, Gore Bank Deposit Receipts..... \$6,800 00

Cash 472 44

7,272 44

That for the six months ending this day, there has been paid into my hands, according to detailed statement furnished, the sum of \$2,375.80; and the payments during the same period amount to \$1,573.33, leaving on hand the sum of \$8,074.41, which is represented by—

Gore Bank Deposit Receipts..... \$7,800 00

Cash 274 41

\$8,074 41

That the amount now belonging to this fund is \$10,201 09, as follows :—

Gore Bank Deposit Receipts..... \$7,800 00

Interest accrued thereon 526 68

\$8,326 68

Cash 274 41

County of Middlesex Debentures..... 1,600 00

Total \$10,201 09

SECONDLY.—MASONIC ASYLUM FUND.

That the amount on hand at the last Annual Communication of your Most Worshipful Grand Lodge was \$988.75, for all of which I hold Gore Bank deposit receipts, bearing interest at the rate of four per cent. per annum.

That there has been paid into my hands during the year ending this day, \$483.25, for which I also hold Gore Bank deposit receipts, making the whole amount of this fund (including \$62.00 interest accrued on the deposits) \$1,532.00.

THIRDLY.—WILSON TESTIMONIAL FUND.

That the amount on hand at the last Annual Communication was \$203.00, and I have received since \$182.00, making \$385.00 on hand belonging to this fund.

That I have much pleasure to report that neither the Grand Lodge or myself have sustained any loss in consequence of the stealing of the Gore Bank deposit receipts when the Simcoe office of that Bank was broken into in the month of July, last year, as I have procured duplicates of all of them, by myself and another person, (who I got to join me) giving a bond of indemnification.

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

HENRY GROFF,

Acting Grand Treasurer.

SIMCOE, 1st July, 1863.

The foregoing Report from the acting Grand Treasurer was, on motion, received and referred to the Board of General Purposes.

M.W. Br. W. C. Stephens gave notice of his intention, on to-morrow, to move that the salary of the Grand Secretary be increased.

R.W. Br. W. B. Simpson gave notice that he would, on to-morrow, move that the sum of fourteen hundred pounds (£1,400) be apportioned from the general funds of Grand Lodge, to form a fund for benevolence.

The Board of General Purposes, in accordance with a resolution of Grand Lodge, passed at its last Annual Communication, referring the Constitution to them for entire revision, beg to lay before Grand Lodge the result of their labors.

The consideration of the proposed amendments to the Constitution, by the Board, as prepared and submitted to

the various Lodges, was proceeded with, and after mature deliberation, the Grand Lodge agreed to the following :

We, the GRAND LODGE OF ANCIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF CANADA, in order to form perfect fraternal union, to establish order, to ensure tranquility, to provide for and promote the general welfare of the Craft, and to secure to the fraternity of Canada all the blessings of Masonic privileges, do order and establish this Constitution.

OF THE GRAND LODGE.

1. The style and title of the Grand Lodge shall be "The Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada."

2. The officers of the Grand Lodge shall be respectively elected or appointed, as hereinafter provided, and hold their offices for one year, or until their successors shall have been regularly elected or appointed.

The Grand Master, or presiding officer, at the Annual Communication, shall appoint three Scrutineers, whose duty it shall be to collect the ballots for Grand Officers, and lists of members for Committees, from the brethren to whom they have been delivered. The Scrutineers shall solemnly pledge themselves to make a correct report under their hands of the result of the ballot, having ascertained the number of votes for the respective candidates, they shall present their reports to Grand Lodge.

The election and appointment of all officers of Grand Lodge shall take place at the Annual Communication, when those present shall be duly installed or invested, and proclaimed in ancient form.

3. The following officers shall be elected, viz. :

By ballot of the Grand Lodge—

The Most Worshipful the Grand Master.

"	Right	"	Deputy Grand Master.
"	"	"	Grand Senior Warden.
"	"	"	" Junior Warden.
"	"	"	" Chaplain.
"	"	"	" Treasurer.
"	"	"	" Registrar.
"	"	"	" Secretary.

By an open vote of the Grand Lodge—

The Grand Tyler.

By the representatives of the Lodges of the respective Districts present at the Annual Communication, subject to the confirmation of the Grand Master—

The Right Worshipful the District Deputy Grand Masters.

4. The following officers shall be appointed by the Grand Master, viz. :

The Very Worshipful Grand Senior Deacon.	
" " " " Junior Deacon.	
" " " " Superintendent of Works.	
" " " " Director of Ceremonies.	
" " " " Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies.	
" " " " Secretary.	
" " " " Sword Bearer.	
" " " " Organist.	
" " " " Assistant Grand Organist.	
" " " " Pursuivant.	
" " " " Twelve Grand Stewards.	

5. The Grand Lodge shall consist of the elective and appointed officers (excepting the Grand Tyler) mentioned in the two preceding articles, with all Past Grand Officers, continuing to subscribe to a Lodge ; the Masters and Wardens of all private Lodges (duly returned), and all Past Masters (duly returned) being members of a private Lodge ; provided that no brother shall rank as a Past Grand Officer, unless at the time of holding office in Grand Lodge, he is either a Master or Past Master of some Lodge.

6. Should neither the Worshipful Master, Wardens, nor a Past Master of a Lodge attend any communication of Grand Lodge, such Lodge, by its vote properly certified by the Worshipful Master and Secretary, and under seal, may delegate a Master or Past Master of another Lodge, entitled to a seat in Grand Lodge, to represent their Lodge ; but no brother can represent more than three Lodges.

7. The rank of officers and members of Grand Lodge shall be as follows :

The Grand Master.

Past Grand Masters, according to seniority.

The Deputy Grand Master.

Past Deputy Grand Masters.

District Deputy Grand Master, London District.

" " " " Wilson "

" " " " Huron "

District	Deputy	Grand	Master	Hamilton	District.
"	"	"	"	Toronto	"
"	"	"	"	Ontario	"
"	"	"	"	Prince Edwards	"
"	"	"	"	Central	"
"	"	"	"	Montreal	"
"	"	"	"	Eastern Townships	"
"	"	"	"	Quebec	"

Past District Deputy Grand Masters.

Grand Senior Warden.

Past " " "

Grand Junior Warden.

Past " " "

Grand Chaplain.

Past " " "

Grand Treasurer.

Past " " "

Grand Registrar.

Past " " "

Grand Secretary.

Past " " "

Grand Senior Deacon.

Past " " "

Grand Junior Deacon.

Past " " "

Grand Superintendent of Works.

Past " " "

Grand Director of Ceremonies.

Past " " "

Assistant Grand Secretary.

Past " " "

Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies.

Past " " " "

Grand Sword Bearer.

Past " " "

Grand Organist.

Past " " "

Assistant Grand Organist.

Past " " "

Grand Pursuivant.

Past " " "

Grand Stewards.

Past " " "

The Masters, Past Masters, and Senior and Junior Wardens of private Lodges, in the order of the numbers of their respective Lodge warrants.

8. The Elective Officers, except the Tyler, are to be chosen by ballot, and shall require a majority of all the votes present.

9. No brother shall be eligible to any elective office in the Grand Lodge, unless he has been regularly installed Worshipful Master of a Private Lodge.

10. Should any vacancy occur in any office of the Grand Lodge, the Grand Master shall appoint a qualified brother to supply the place, *pro tempore*.

11. Brethren of eminence and ability, who have rendered service to the Craft, may, by a vote of the Grand Lodge, be constituted members of the Grand Lodge, with such rank and distinction as may be thought proper, except that of Past Grand Master, or Past Deputy Grand Master.

12. No member of the Grand Lodge shall attend therein without his proper jewel and clothing, nor wearing any jewel not recognized by the Grand Lodge.

13. Should any Lodge have neglected to make its returns and payments to the Grand Lodge for more than one year, the Master, Wardens, or other representative of such Lodge, shall not be permitted to attend any meeting of the Grand Lodge, until such returns and payments have been completed.

14. No brother shall be permitted to attend the Grand Lodge as Master, Past Master, or Warden, until his name and appointment shall have been duly returned and transmitted to the Grand Secretary's office.

15. The Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge shall be holden on the second Wednesday in July, at which the place of holding the next Communication shall be decided. None but members shall be present at these Communications, without permission of the Grand Master. No visitor shall speak to any question unless requested to do so by the Grand Master, nor shall he on any occasion, be permitted to vote.

16. The Grand Master, or in his absence from the Province, the Deputy Grand Master, or in his like absence, the Grand Wardens, may summon and hold Grand Lodges of emergency, whenever the good of the craft shall, in their opinion, require it ; the particular reason for convening such Lodge of emergency shall be expressed in the summons, and no other business shall be entered upon at that meeting.

17. If at any Grand Lodge, stated or occasional, the Grand Master be absent, the Lodge shall be ruled by the Grand Officer

next in rank and seniority who may be present ; and, if no elective Grand Officer be present, by the Master of the senior Lodge.—The Grand Lodge is declared to be opened in *ample form* when the Grand Master is present ; in *due form* when a Past Grand Master or the Deputy presides ; at all other times only *in form*, yet with the same authority.

18. The powers of any *pro tempore* presiding officer shall be the same as those properly belonging to the office so filled by him.

19. In the Grand Lodge alone resides the power of enacting laws and regulations for the government of the Craft, and of altering, repealing and abrogating them, always taking care that the ancient landmarks of the Order are preserved. The Grand Lodge has also the inherent power of investigating, regulating and deciding all matters relative to the Craft, or to particular Lodges, or to individual brothers, which it may exercise, either of itself, or by such delegated authority as, in its wisdom or discretion, it may appoint ; but in the Grand Lodge alone resides the power of erasing Lodges and expelling brethren from the Craft.

20. No Lodge shall be erased, nor any brother expelled, until the Master or Officers of the Lodge, or the offending brother shall have been summoned to show cause, in the Grand Lodge, why such sentence should not be recorded and enforced : such summons being addressed, and either delivered personally, or sent by post, to the last known place of residence of such brother, being deemed a sufficient service.

21. All differences or complaints that cannot be accommodated privately, or in some regular Lodge, shall be delivered in writing to the Grand Secretary, who shall lay them before the Grand Master, or Committee appointed by Grand Lodge. When all the parties shall have been summoned to attend thereon, and the case shall have been investigated, such order and adjudication may be made as shall be authorized by the laws and regulations of Masonry.

22. When any memorial, or other document, shall be presented by any member of the Grand Lodge, either on behalf of himself or another, the member presenting it shall be responsible that such paper does not contain any improper matter, or any offensive or indecorous language.

23. No brother below the rank of a Past Grand Master shall assume the Grand Master's chair, though he be entitled, in the absence of the Grand Master, to rule the Grand Lodge.

REGULATIONS FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE GRAND LODGE DURING
THE TIME OF PUBLIC BUSINESS.

1. The Annual Communication of Grand Lodge being opened, the regulations are to be read. The minutes of the last Regular Communication, and of any intervening Grand Lodge, are then to be put for confirmation, and all communications from the Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master, and reports from the District Deputy Grand Masters, or Committees, are then to be read and taken into consideration, and the other business regularly proceeded with.

2. All matters are to be decided by a majority of votes, each Lodge having three votes, each Past Master one vote, each officer of Grand Lodge, except the Grand Tyler, not otherwise entitled to vote, shall have one vote by virtue of his office, and the Grand Master a casting vote in case of equality; unless the Lodge, for the sake of expedition, think proper to leave any particular subject to the determination of the Grand Master. Where any subject can be satisfactorily settled by an open vote, the votes of the members are always to be signified by each holding up one of his hands, which uplifted hands the Grand Wardens or Grand Deacons are to count, unless the number should be so unequal as to render counting unnecessary; but any brother may demand a ballot on any question, either before or immediately after an open vote shall have been taken.

3. All members shall keep their seats, except the Grand Deacons, Grand Director of Ceremonies and his Assistant, and the Grand Stewards, who are allowed to move about from place to place, in the discharge of their duties.

4. No brother shall speak twice to the same question, unless in explanation, or the mover in reply.

5. Every one who speaks shall rise, and remain standing, addressing himself to the Grand Master; nor shall any brother presume to interrupt him, unless to address the Grand Master to order, or the Grand Master shall think fit to call him to order; but after he has been set right, he may proceed, if he observe due order and decorum.

6. If any member shall have been twice called to order for transgressing these rules, and shall nevertheless be guilty of a third offence at the same meeting, the Grand Master may peremptorily command him to leave the Lodge for that Communication.

7. Whoever shall be so unmasonic as to hiss at a brother, or at

what he has said, shall be solemnly excluded the Communication, and declared incapable of being a member of the Grand Lodge, until at another time he publicly own his fault, and grace be granted.

8. No motion on any new subject shall be made, nor any new matter entered upon after eleven o'clock at night.

9. No money grants shall be made by Grand Lodge on the last day of the Communication, unless notice shall have been given the day previous.

10. No notice shall be entertained for altering or amending the laws, rules or regulations of this Grand Lodge, or for adding a new law, rule or regulation thereto, without notice in writing, stating the amendment proposed, having been given at the Communication previous to that at which it is to be brought before Grand Lodge, and no alteration or addition to the Constitution shall be made binding unless supported by two-thirds of the votes present.

OF GRAND MASTER.

1. The Grand Master shall, according to ancient usage, be elected and installed at the Annual Communication. He is then to nominate such of his Grand Officers as it is his prerogative to appoint, who with the elective Grand Officers, are, if present, to be thereupon installed or invested in ancient form.

2. In the temporary absence of the Grand Master from the Province, the Deputy Grand Master shall possess all the powers of the Grand Master; and should the Grand Master die during his term of office, or be rendered incapable of discharging the duties thereof, by sickness, permanent absence from the Province, or otherwise, the Deputy Grand Master shall forthwith assume the functions of Grand Master until the next annual election; and should the Deputy Grand Master die previous to such election, the Grand Wardens shall immediately summon a Grand Lodge to elect a Grand Master.

3. The Grand Master, under sanction of the Grand Lodge, may by warrant appoint any brother of eminence and skill to represent the Grand Lodge in a sister Grand Lodge. He may also, with the concurrence of the Grand Lodge, constitute any distinguished brother, who may be regularly deputed from a sister Grand Lodge, a member of the Grand Lodge of Canada, with such rank as the Grand Lodge may deem to be appropriate.

4. The Grand Master has full authority to preside in any Lodge, and to order any of his grand officers to attend him. His Deputy

is to be placed on his right and the Master of the Lodge on his left hand. His Wardens are, also, to act as Wardens of that particular Lodge during his presence ; but if the Grand Wardens be not present, then the Grand Master may command the Wardens of the Lodge, or any Master Masons, to act as his Wardens, *pro tempore*.

5. The Grand Master may send his Grand Officers to visit any Lodge he may think proper.

6. The Grand Master may summon any Lodge or brother to attend him, and to produce the warrant, books, papers and accounts of such Lodge, or the certificate of such brother. If the summons be not complied with, or a sufficient reason given for non-compliance, such summons is to be repeated as a peremptory summons ; if such last summons be not attended to, such Lodge or brother may be suspended, and the proceeding notified to the Grand Lodge.

7. The Grand Master shall not be applied to officially on any business concerning Masons or Masonry, but through the Grand Secretary, the Deputy Grand Master, or the District Deputy Grand Masters.

OF DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

1. This officer is to be elected at the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge ; and in order that both sections of the Province may enjoy a proper representation, he shall not be elected from that portion of the Province in which the Grand Master resides. If present, he shall be immediately installed, according to ancient usage. In the absence of the Grand Master, as hereinbefore provided, the Deputy possesses all his powers and privileges.

2. The Deputy Grand Master has full authority, unless the Grand Master be present, to preside in any Lodge which he may visit, with the District Deputy Grand Master, on his right hand, and the Master of the Lodge on his left hand. The Grand Wardens, if present, are to act as Wardens of that particular Lodge during the Deputy Grand Master's continuance there ; but if the Grand Wardens be not present, then the Deputy Grand Master may command the Wardens of the Lodge, or any other Master Masons, to act as his Wardens *pro tempore*.

OF DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

1. The District Deputy Grand Master for each District shall be nominated by the representatives of the Lodges of such District, at the Annual Communication, and if confirmed by the

Grand Master, if present, he shall be regularly installed. He must be a Past Master, and a resident in the District for which he is appointed.

2. He may preside in every Lodge he visits within his District, with the Master of the Lodge on his right hand.

3. It shall be the duty of the District Deputy Grand Master to visit all the Lodges in his District during his term of office, to see that such Lodges are working in accordance with the ritual adopted by Grand Lodge, and that returns have been regularly forwarded, with all fees and dues that may have accrued; and, on refusal or neglect on the part of any Lodge to make such returns and payments, he may suspend such Lodge.

4. He may hear and determine any subjects of Masonic complaint or irregularity, respecting Lodges or individual Masons within his District, and may proceed to admonition or to suspension, until the decision of the Grand Master shall be known thereon. A minute of all such proceedings, stating the offence and the law applicable to it, together with his decision, shall be transmitted to the Grand Master through the Grand Secretary; and when the case is of so flagrant a nature, as, in the judgment of the District Deputy Grand Master, to require the erasure of a Lodge, or the expulsion of a brother, he shall make a special report to the Grand Lodge, with his opinion thereon.

5. The District Deputy Grand Master has no power to expel a Mason; but when satisfied that any brother has been unjustly or illegally suspended, removed, or excluded from any of his Masonic functions or privileges, by a Lodge within his District, he may order him to be immediately restored, and may suspend, until the next Communication of the Grand Lodge, the Lodge or brother who shall refuse to comply with such order; and shall immediately report the circumstances to the Grand Master.

6. If the District Deputy Grand Master shall neglect to proceed on any case or business, which may be sent for his decision, within a reasonable time, the application or complaint may be transmitted to the Grand Secretary. An appeal, in all cases, lies from the District Deputy Grand Master to the Grand Master or the Grand Lodge.

7. The District Deputy Grand Master may summon any Lodge or brother within his District to attend him, and to produce the warrant, books, papers, and accounts of such Lodge, or the certificate of such brother. If the summons be not complied with, nor a sufficient reason given for non-compliance, a peremptory

summons shall be issued; and, in case of contumacy, he may suspend the Lodge or brother, as before provided.

8. He has power to give or to refuse consent for the removal of a Lodge from town to town within his District, but not from his District into another, or from another District into his own, without the sanction of the Grand Master.

9. He has power to grant Dispensations for festivals and public processions, reporting the same to the Grand Master.

10. He is required to correspond with the Grand Lodge, and to transmit to the Grand Secretary, at least fourteen days prior to the Annual Communication, a circumstantial account, in writing, of his proceedings, and of the state of Masonry within his District; together with a list of such Lodges as may have been constituted since his last return, and the fees due thereon to the Grand Lodge.

11. He may appoint a District Chaplain and Secretary, during pleasure, but who shall have no rank in Grand Lodge by virtue of such office.

OF GRAND WARDENS.

1. The Grand Wardens shall be elected and invested at the Annual Communication.

2. When the actual Grand Wardens are in Grand Lodge, no others can supply their places, but in their absence the Senior Past Grand Wardens present shall act *pro tempore*. If no Past Grand Warden be present, the Grand Master may direct any other member of Grand Lodge to act as Grand Warden for that occasion.

3. The Grand Wardens, whenever commanded, are to attend the Grand Master, and while he presides in any particular Lodge, are to act there as his Wardens.

OF GRAND CHAPLAIN.

1. The Grand Chaplain shall be elected and invested at the Annual Communication, and shall attend all communications and other meetings of the Grand Lodge, and there offer up solemn prayer suitable to the occasion, as established by the usage of the fraternity.

OF GRAND TREASURER.

1. The Grand Treasurer shall be elected and invested at the Annual Communication.

2. The Grand Treasurer shall give a joint bond, with two sureties, to the Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master, in such

penalty and with such conditions as may be deemed expedient, for the due performance of his trust.

3. To the Grand Treasurer shall be committed all monies raised for the general charity, or for any other public use of the fraternity, of which he shall keep an account in a book, specifying the respective uses for which the several sums are intended; and shall disburse the same in such manner as the Grand Lodge or other proper authority shall direct, and produce his accounts of receipts and disbursements before every Regular Communication, or when called for by the Audit Committee; and these accounts shall be annually audited by the said Committee, who shall make their report thereon at the Annual Communication in July.

OF GRAND REGISTRAR.

1. The Grand Registrar shall be elected and invested at the Annual Communication.

2. He shall have the custody of the seals of the Grand Lodge, and shall affix, or may authorize the Grand Secretary to affix the same to all patents, warrants, certificates, and other documents issued by authority of the Grand Lodge, together with such as the Grand Master, in conformity with the laws and regulations of the Grand Lodge may direct.

3. The Grand Master may, by a written document, direct the Grand Registrar to take charge of any District for which there is not a District Deputy Grand Master; and he shall thereby be empowered to perform all the functions of a District Deputy Grand Master.

OF GRAND SECRETARY.

1. The Grand Secretary shall be elected and invested at the Annual Communication.

2. The Grand Secretary is to sign and certify all instruments from the Grand Lodge, under seal or otherwise; to issue summonses for all meetings of the Grand Lodge and of any Committee of which he shall be directed by the Grand Master or Grand Lodge, and to attend and take minutes of their proceedings; to receive the returns from the several Lodges, and enter them in the books of the Grand Lodge, and duly report the same at each Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge; to transmit to all Lodges the proceedings of every Communication or other meeting of Grand Lodge, and all such other papers and documents as may be ordered, either by the Grand Master, the Grand Lodge, or other proper authority; to notify all Lodges, annually, of all expelled, suspended or excluded members for the year; to furnish

the District Deputy Grand Masters and Committees with all proper documents and information that they may require ; to receive all petitions, memorials, &c., and to lay them before the Grand Master or other proper authority ; to attend the Grand Master or Committees, and to take to him or them any books or papers he or they may direct ; to conduct the correspondence of the Grand Lodge ; to receive, credit and record all monies of the Grand Lodge, and pay over the same without delay to the Grand Treasurer, and annually report the amount received, and generally to do all such things as heretofore have, or should have been done, by a Grand Secretary.

OF GRAND DEACONS.

1. The Grand Deacons are to be appointed by the Grand Master on the day of his installation.

2. If the Grand Deacons be absent, the Grand Master or presiding officer may appoint any members of Grand Lodge to officiate *pro tempore*.

OF GRAND SUPERINTENDENT OF WORKS, GRAND DIRECTOR OF CEREMONIES, ASSISTANT GRAND SECRETARY, ASSISTANT GRAND DIRECTOR OF CEREMONIES, GRAND SWORD BEARER, GRAND ORGANIST, ASSISTANT GRAND ORGANIST, GRAND PURSUIVANT, GRAND STEWARDS, GRAND STANDARD BEARERS, AND GRAND TYLER.

1. The Grand Superintendent of Works, Director of Ceremonies, Assistant Secretary, Assistant Director of Ceremonies, Sword Bearer, Organist, Assistant Organist, and Pursuivant, Standard Bearers and Stewards, are to be appointed annually by the Grand Master, on the day of his installation. They are to attend all communications and other meetings of the Grand Lodge.

2. The *Grand Superintendent of Works* ought to be a brother well skilled in the science of geometry and architecture. He is to advise with the Grand Master on all plans of buildings or edifices undertaken by the Grand Lodge, and furnish plans and estimates for the same ; he is to superintend their construction, and see that they are conformable to the plans approved by the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge ; he is to suggest improvements, where necessary in all the edifices of the Grand Lodge ; and on the first meeting in every year, report on the state of repair or dilapidation of such edifices, and make such further reports, from time to time, as he may deem expedient.

3. *The Grand Director of Ceremonies*, in addition to his other

duties, has the care, during the session of Grand Lodge, of the regalia, clothing, insignia, and jewels belonging to the Grand Lodge.

4. *The Grand Pursuivant* shall preserve order in the porch at every meeting of the Grand Lodge, and, with the assistance of the brethren nominated for attendance there, see that none except those that are qualified, and who have their proper clothing and jewels, and have signed their names to the accustomed papers, and are, in all respects, entitled to admission, be admitted.

5. *Twelve Grand Stewards* shall be annually appointed, for the regulation of grand festivals, under the direction of the Grand Master. They shall also assist in conducting the arrangements made for the communications and other meetings of the Grand Lodge.

6. *Grand Standard Bearers* may be appointed by the Grand Master, as the occasion may require. They must be Master Masons, and are to carry the standards of the Grand Lodge, and Grand Master, on all grand ceremonies. They are not, however, by their appointment, members of the Grand Lodge, nor are they to wear the clothing of a Grand Officer.

7. Any Grand Officer, entitled to have a standard, may whenever it shall be necessary, appoint a standard bearer, who must be a Master Mason.

8. *The Grand Tyler* is to be elected by an open vote, at the Annual Communication.

9. The Grand Tyler is to attend all meetings of the Grand Lodge, assist in the arrangements, and see that none be admitted but those properly entitled.

10. If any Grand Tyler shall officiate, or attend at any meeting or pretended Lodge of Masons not being regularly constituted, or not acknowledging the authority of the Grand Master, or not conforming to the laws of the Grand Lodge, he shall thereby be rendered incapable of ever after being a Tyler or attendant on a Lodge, and be excluded the benefit of the general charity.

It was moved by W. Br. John H. Graham, seconded by R.W. Br. James Seymour, and

Resolved—That the M.W. Grand Master be requested to appoint a Special Committee to consider the amendments to the Constitution, as proposed by R.W. Br. J. C. Franck, as a substitute for the Board of General Purposes, and to report to this Grand Lodge.

The M.W. Grand Master named the following brethren to compose such Committee, viz:—M. W. Brs. W. C.

Stephens and A. Bernard ; R.W. Brs. J. C. Franck, James Moffatt, George Masson, William Bellhouse and David Browne, and W. Brs. Henry Macpherson and John H. Graham.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment at 7 o'clock, P.M., to meet on to-morrow, Friday, at 11 o'clock, A.M.

FRIDAY, 10th July, 1863.

The Grand Lodge resumed its sittings at noon.

M.W. Br. T. Douglas Harington, Grand Master,
On the Throne.

Grand Officers, Members and Representatives.

The M.W. Grand Master read a letter received from Br. Isaac Aaron, and also laid before Grand Lodge the following memorial, presented on behalf of the brother therein named by the "Montreal Kilwinning" Lodge, No. 124, Montreal.

PETITION OF THE "MONTREAL KILWINNING" LODGE, A.F. AND A.M. 124.

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand
Lodge of Canada, now assembled in Montreal.*

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR,

The "Kilwinning" Lodge desire to bring under the notice of the Grand Lodge the case of Brother Taylor, late Secretary of the "Kilwinning" Lodge, who has for the past eighteen months been an invalid, and entirely dependent, together with his wife and large family for the necessaries of life upon the "Kilwinning" Lodge. From time to time, as the necessity of the case required, sums of money have been voted from the funds of the Lodge, and also not unfrequently have private subscriptions been made in the Lodge Room for the support of Brother Taylor ; yet, as there is little hope of the ultimate recovery to health and strength of

our afflicted Brother, and as the "Kilwinning" Lodge has been hitherto and may still be called upon to extend their liberality to relieve his distress, they feel it is their duty to lay this petition before the Grand Lodge, in the hope that something will be done to relieve the "Kilwinning" Lodge from the heavy burden they have been called on to bear by the distress of Brother Taylor.

Signed on behalf of the "Kilwinning" Lodge,

JOHN RENSHAW, *W.M.*

J. S. CLARK, *S.W.*

MONTREAL, 10th July, 1863.

It was moved by R.W. Br. W. B. Simpson, seconded by R.W. Br. Rev. Vincent Clementi, and

Resolved—That the petition from the "Montreal Kilwinning" Lodge, No. 124, together with the letter read from Br. Isaac Aaron, be referred to the R.W. Br. A. A. Stevenson, D.D.G.M., for the Montreal District, and to report thereon to this Grand Lodge.

The following reply to the letter of condolence forwarded to the widow of our late M.W. Br. T. G. Ridout, by direction of Grand Lodge, at its last Annual Communication, was read by the M.W. Grand Master.

"TORONTO, 6th July, 1863.

*"To the Right Worshipful the Grand Master of Ancient
Free and Accepted Masons of Canada.*

"Mrs. T. G. Ridout most gratefully acknowledges the receipt of an address of condolence on the death of her beloved husband, the late Past Grand Master Ridout, presented to her in the name of the Grand Lodge, pursuant to resolutions adopted by that Most Worshipful Body.

"The affectionate language of the address is a source of great consolation to Mrs. Ridout, who, knowing how entirely her husband revered the principles of his Craft, most gladly welcomes this testimony to his worth, from those who, probably next to herself, have most intimately known the virtue and usefulness of his life.

“Mrs. Ridout accepts with deep gratitude the munificent proposal of Grand Lodge, to charge itself with the care and education of one of her sons—a proposal welcome to her, not only because it affords much relief to the Mother’s anxiety, but because it illustrates the affectionate regard in which the Father’s memory is cherished by those who, during his lifetime, attracted so large a share of his warmest sympathy and most zealous devotion.”

It was moved by R.W. Br. A. DeGrassi, seconded by M.W. Br. Wm. M. Wilson, and

Resolved—That the sum of twenty-five pounds, voted at the Annual Communication of 1862, for the education of one of the sons of our late M.W. Br. Ridout at Upper Canada College, be paid direct to Mrs. Ridout.

A petition, signed by the following named Master Masons, viz: Hugh Mackay, R. H. Preston, Alvin Willse, A. D. McKenzie, O. K. Howard, Henry Mott, Henry Morris, and Hiram Soper, praying for a Warrant of Constitution from this Grand Lodge to open a new Lodge at the village of Delta, in the County of Leeds, was read, and, on motion, received and referred to the Board of General Purposes.

Letter read from Br. S. B. Campbell.

It was moved by M.W. Br. W.M. Wilson, seconded by R.W. Br. David Browne, and

Resolved—That the matter in regard to Br. S. B. Campbell be referred to the M.W. Grand Master for final adjustment.

R.W. Br. A. DeGrassi, Chairman of Committee for the collection of masonic documents, submitted the following

R E P O R T.

MASONIC DOCUMENTS.

The Committee for procuring “Masonic documents, &c., beg leave to report—

That they have collected many valuable and interesting Masonic documents, extending over a period of seventy years, in Upper Canada, whilst from Lower Canada, where Masonry in this country

was first established, we have but one—a copy of warrant of the first Lodge opened in Quebec.

The Grand Secretary has advertised in the principal papers of the Province, stating the object of this Committee, and asking for contributions of records, &c., from Lodges and individuals, but as yet very few have been received through those means.

As this Committee know that in the Eastern part of the Province, and in the Central and Niagara Districts, there still remain amongst the descendants of Masons, and the family records of the early settlers, much valuable material for compiling a history of Freemasonry in this Province, they would respectfully recommend, that Grand Lodge would be pleased to request the M.W. the Grand Master to take such steps to obtain the desired effect, as in his judgment he may deem sufficient.

The Committee hope, that at the next regular Communication of Grand Lodge, they will be able to present a digest of the records in their possession.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

A. DEGRASSI,

Chairman for procuring Masonic Documents.

On motion the foregoing Report was received and adopted.

The Board of General Purposes beg leave to report upon the application for a Warrant from "York" Lodge, Eglinton, referred to them by the M.W. Grand Master, that they have examined the minute of said Lodge, while working under Dispensation, and find that it has been very carefully and correctly kept, and recommend that a Warrant of Constitution be granted.

The Board also recommend that a Warrant of Constitution be granted to Br. Hugh Mackay, and others, to erect and hold a Lodge in the village of Delta, in the County of Leeds, subject to the proposed Worshipful Master and Wardens satisfying the District Deputy Grand Master for the Central District, that they are capable of performing their duties.

W. B. SIMPSON,

President B. of G.P.

The M.W. Grand Master appointed V.W. Br. Henry Grist and V.W. Br. Lawrence L. Levey, scrutineers to examine the Ballot for the election of Grand Officers for the ensuing masonic year.

It was moved by R.W. Br. A. DeGrassi, seconded by R.W. Br. Wm. Fitch, and

Resolved—That the Grand Pursuivant be presented with the Jewel of his office by this Grand Lodge, as a token of its appreciation of his services for many years past.

The Board of General Purposes beg leave to report, that the representative from "Peterborough" Lodge, situated in the town of Peterborough, appeared before them and stated that the Minute Book of the Lodge had been sent to the District Deputy Grand Master for the Ontario District, about the 1st day of July, and that he had failed in forwarding it.

The Board very reluctantly report that, under the circumstances, they feel justified in recommending the Warrant to be granted, but leave Grand Lodge to decide the matter. + clo n
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W. B. SIMPSON,
President B. of G.P.

It was moved by R.W. Br. Rev. Vincent Clementi, seconded by V.W. Br. Joseph Brock, and

Resolved—That the foregoing Report of the Board be received, and that a Warrant of Constitution be granted to "Peterborough" Lodge, now under Dispensation, from the M.W. Grand Master.

It was moved by R.W. Br. A. DeGrassi, seconded by V.W. Br. W. F. Biggar, and

Resolved—That at future Annual Communications the Grand Secretary be required to furnish the Committee on Credentials with a list of the Lodges over twelve months in arrear, in order that the regular Representatives, or a Delegate from any such Lodge may be debarred from entering Grand Lodge, and taking part in its proceedings, until such arrearages are paid up. ?

In accordance with notice given,

It was moved by M.W. Br. W. C. Stephens, seconded by M.W. Br. W. M. Wilson, and

Resolved—That the Grand Secretary's salary be increased the sum of fifty pounds per annum.

The balloting for Grand Officers for the ensuing year was proceeded with, and the following brethren were declared duly elected,

By ballot of Grand Lodge, viz :—

M.W. Br.	T. Douglas Harington,	re-elected	Grand Master.
R. " "	W. B. Simpson,	re-elected	Deputy Grand Master.
" " "	Henry Macpherson,		Grand Senior Warden.
" " "	Benjamin Canning Davy,		Grand Junior Warden.
" " "	Rev. Vincent Clementi,	re-elected	Grand Chaplain.
" " "	Henry Groff,		Grand Treasurer.
" " "	John H. Graham,		Grand Registrar.
" " "	T. B. Harris,	unanimously re-elected	Grand Secretary.

By an open vote of Grand Lodge,

Br. William Hannah, Grand Tyler.

Nominated by the Lodges of the various Masonic Districts, as District Deputy Grand Masters, and approved by the M.W. Grand Master :—

R. W. Br.	George Masson,	re-elected	London	District.
" " "	David Curtis,		Wilson	"
" " "	John Dutton,	re-elected	Huron	"
" " "	William Bellhouse,		Hamilton	"
" " "	Alfio DeGrassi,	re-elected	Toronto	"
" " "	Joseph Brock,		Ontario	"
" " "	Lawrence H. Henderson,		Prince Edward	"
" " "	Alex. G. Macdonell,		Central	"
" " "	Alex. A. Stevenson,	re-elected	Montreal	"
" " "	David Browne		East'n Townships	"
" " "	Richard Pope,	re-elected	Quebec	"

It was moved by R.W. Br. James Seymour, seconded by M.W. Br. W. C. Stephens, and unanimously

Resolved—That the cordial thanks of this Grand Lodge are due and are hereby tendered to the brethren of Montreal, for the admirable arrangements made by them for its accommodation during the present Annual Communication, as well as for their hospitable entertainment of the officers and members of this Grand Lodge at the Banquet prepared in their honor on the 10th instant.

R.W. Br. A. A. Stevenson, to whom was referred the petition presented on behalf of Br. Taylor, by the “Montreal Kilwinning” Lodge, No. 124, as also a letter from Brother Isaac Aaron, submitted the following

REPORT.

MONTREAL, July 10, 1863.

*To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, and the
Grand Lodge of Canada.*

With reference to the documents, referred to me for consideration, I have to report :—

1. That the facts stated in the petition of the “Montreal Kilwinning” Lodge with regard to Br. Taylor, are as I believe, perfectly correct, and would recommend Grand Lodge to make such an appropriation as the circumstances seem to them to require.

2. With regard to the application of Br. Aaron, I have to say, that I have not sufficient knowledge of the circumstances of his case, as would warrant me in recommending any appropriation of the funds of Grand Lodge.

The whole respectfully submitted.

A. A. STEVENSON,

D.D.G.M., District of Montreal.

It was moved by M.W. Br. Wm. M. Wilson, seconded by M.W. Br. A. Bernard, and

Resolved—That the foregoing Report be received and adopted, and that the sum of fifty dollars, out of the funds of Grand Lodge, be presented to Br. Taylor.

It was moved by R.W. Br. W. B. Simpson, seconded by M.W. Br. W. C. Stephens, and

Resolved—That the sum of fifteen hundred pounds of the general funds of Grand Lodge be specially set apart for the purpose of forming a fund for benevolence, the interest accruing therefrom only to be available for charitable purposes, and to be distributed by a Committee to be appointed by Grand Lodge.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment at 4 o'clock, to meet at 7 o'clock, P.M.

The Grand Lodge resumed its sittings at 8 o'clock, P.M.

M. W. Br. T. Douglas Harington, Grand Master,
On the Throne.

Grand Officers, Members and Representatives.

The M.W. Grand Master proceeded to install and invest the newly elected officers, viz:—

R. W. Br. W. B. Simpson, Deputy Grand Master.

"	"	"	Henry Macpherson,	Grand Senior Warden.
"	"	"	B. C. Davy,	" Junior "
"	"	"	Rev. Vincient Clementi,	" Chaplain.
"	"	"	Henry Groff,	" Treasurer.
"	"	"	John Hamilton Graham,	" Registrar.
"	"	"	Thos. Bird Harris,	" Secretary.
"	"	"	William Hannah,	" Tyler.

"	"	"	George Masson,	D.D.G.M.,	London	District.
"	"	"	David Curtis,	"	Wilson	"
"	"	"	John Dutton,	"	Huron	"
"	"	"	William Bellhouse	"	Hamilton	"
"	"	"	Alfio DeGrassi,	"	Toronto	"
"	"	"	Joseph Brock,	"	Ontario	"
"	"	"	Lawrence H. Henderson,	"	Pr. Edward	"
"	"	"	A. G. Macdonell,	"	Central	"
"	"	"	A. A. Stevenson,	"	Montreal	"
"	"	"	David Browne,	"	E. Townships	"
"	"	"	Richard Pope,	"	Quebec	"

Subsequently the M. W. Grand Master was pleased to make the following appointments:—

V. W. Br.	Charles D. Macdonnell,	Grand Senior Deacon.
" " "	A. G. Fenwick,	" Junior "
" " "	Frederick J. Rastrick,	" Superinte't. of Works.
" " "	C. J. S. Askin,	" Direc. of Ceremonies.
" " "	Thomas Mc Craken,	Assist. " Secretary.
" " "	John Paterson,	" Sword Bearer.
" " "	W. G. F. Downs,	Assist. " Direc. of Ceremonies.
" " "	F. C. Dettmers,	" Organist.
" " "	Henry Carlisle,	Assist. " "
" " "	Stanislaus Blondheim,	" Pursuivant.
" " "	George W. Parker,	} Grand Stewards.
" " "	William Smeaton,	
" " "	Alex. Walker,	
" " "	J. H. Flock,	
" " "	Geo. C. Longley,	
" " "	T. White,	
" " "	John Macdonell,	
" " "	G. L. Graham,	

The M.W. Grand Master hereby authorizes and requires each brother elected or appointed to office, not presenting himself at Grand Lodge, to be invested in the Lodge of which he is a subscribing member.

R.W. Br. Henry Macpherson, on behalf of the Chairman of the Special Committee, to whom was referred the further consideration of the Constitution, submitted the following

REPORT.

The Committee to whom was referred the consideration of the duties and powers of the Board of General Purposes, beg leave to report :

That all relating to the Board of General Purposes, in the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Canada, be omitted, and the following inserted in its stead :

At each Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, the Grand Lodge shall appoint an Audit Committee of three, who shall hold

office until the termination of the following Annual Communication of Grand Lodge.

At each Communication of Grand Lodge, the Grand Master shall appoint three Masters, or Past Masters of Lodges, in the vicinity of the place where the following Communication of Grand Lodge is to be held, as a Committee on Credentials. They shall attend within the porch of the Grand Lodge at the Annual Communication, for the purpose of guarding, with the assistance of the Grand Pursuivant, against the admission of any but those who are qualified, have their proper clothing and jewels, have signed their names to the accustomed papers, and are in all respects entitled to admission. The three brethren so appointed shall hold office until the termination of the next Annual Communication.

GENERAL COMMITTEE.

1. The General Committee shall consist of thirty-two members, sixteen of whom shall be appointed by the Grand Master, and the remaining sixteen shall be elected by the Grand Lodge; the whole thirty-two to be selected from among the actual Masters and Past Masters of the Lodges. Members thus appointed and elected shall hold office for two years. At least one half of such appointed or elected members are to be actual Masters at the time of such appointment or election, nor can more than two members of the same Lodge be appointed or elected on the General Committee; but this shall not disqualify any Past Master, being a subscribing member and Master of another Lodge, from being elected for and representing the Lodge of which he is Worshipful Master. One half the members, both appointed and elected, who have served for two years, as hereinbefore provided, must go out of office at each Annual Communication. Retiring members are eligible for re-appointment or re-election.

2. The names of the several brethren intended to be put in nomination as members of the General Committee, (eight of whom are to be elected at each Annual Communication) are to be delivered in writing to the Grand Secretary, on the first day of the assembling of Grand Lodge in Annual Communication, in order that all names so to be proposed may be printed in a list, a copy of which shall

be delivered to each member of the Grand Lodge previous to the election. The balloting lists are subsequently to be collected by scrutineers, as hereinbefore provided.

3. Should any member of the Committee die or be removed, the Grand Master shall appoint some brother to act in his stead.

4. Should the Chairman be absent from any meeting of the Committee, the brother highest in rank and seniority shall preside.

5. The Committee shall, at or immediately after every Regular Communication of Grand Lodge, but not before the election and appointment of the new members, elect their chairman and appoint from amongst its members the following sub-committees :

- (1.) On Charity.
- (2.) On Condition of Masonry.
- (3.) On Grievances and Appeals.
- (4.) On Finance and Property.
- (5.) On Constitution and Regulations.
- (6.) On Foreign Correspondence.

6. Each Committee should be chosen as nearly as possible from one locality ; a majority of each Committee to be a quorum. Not less than five to form a quorum of the Committee of Grievances and Appeals.

7. The General Committee shall at the same time appoint the Chairman of each sub-committee, who may call it together at such times as may be necessary.

8. The General Committee has authority to hear and report upon all subjects of masonic complaint, or irregularity respecting Lodges or individual Masons, when regularly brought before it.

9. The Grand Master may summon any Lodge or brother to attend before the General Committee, and to produce the Warrant, books, papers and accounts of the Lodge, or the certificate of the brother. If such Lodge or brother does not comply or give sufficient reasons for non-compliance, on report of the Committee, the Grand Master may suspend such Lodge or brother.

10. When the General Committee has investigated any case which in its judgment requires admonition, fine or suspension, the fact

alleged as the offence shall be fully stated in the minute. shall be declared proven, the law relating thereto quoted, and the opinion of the Committee recorded, and reported to the Grand Master or Grand Lodge.

11. In case of any charge or complaint affecting a member of the Committee, or a Lodge to which he belongs, such member shall withdraw whilst the Committee considers its decision.

12. The members of the Committee shall be in masonic clothing when they proceed to the investigation of any charge or complaint.

13. The General Committee shall have charge of the finances of the Grand Lodge, examine all demands upon it, and when found correct, shall report to the Grand Master, who may order the Grand Treasurer to discharge them.

14. The Audit Committee shall have full power to inspect all books and papers relating to the accounts of the Grand Lodge, and to report to Grand Lodge any alterations that may be considered desirable.

15. The Grand Master may summon the Grand Treasurer, Grand Registrar, Grand Secretary, or other officer or brother having possession of any books, papers, documents or accounts belonging to the Grand Lodge, to attend any Committee, who shall report thereon to Grand Lodge.

16. The books of the Grand Lodge shall be closed on the thirty-first day of December in each year, and at the first meeting of the Audit Committee thereafter, the account and balance sheet, together with a list of the contributions, a statement of funds in hand, and of all property belonging to Grand Lodge, shall be presented and audited; after which they shall be printed and transmitted to each Lodge.

17. The General Committee has the direction of everything relating to the buildings and furniture of the Grand Lodge, and may suggest any alterations or improvements.

18. The General Committee shall cause the necessary preparations to be made for the Communications of the Grand Lodge, as well as for days of festivals, public ceremonies, &c. It shall also give orders

for all the usual and ordinary articles which may be required for the Grand Lodge; but no extraordinary expense of any kind shall be incurred, without the previous sanction of Grand Lodge.

19. The General Committee has likewise the care and regulation of all the concerns of the Grand Lodge, and may recommend for its adoption whatever it shall deem necessary or advantageous to the welfare and good government of the Craft; and may originate plans for the better regulation of the Grand Lodge, and the arrangement of its general transactions.

21. No recommendation, petition, or representation of any kind, shall be received by the Committee, unless it be in writing, and signed by the person or persons addressing the Committee.

22. All communications from the General Committee to the Grand Master, Grand Lodge, or other Committees, or any private Lodge or brother, shall be made in writing.

23. The General Committee shall proceed to the consideration of any special matter which may be referred to it by the Grand Master or Grand Lodge, in preference to other business.

24. All transactions and resolutions of the General Committee shall be entered in the minute book by the Grand Secretary.

25. The transactions and resolutions of each of the sub-committees shall be entered in minute books by the Chairman of each Committee.

26. There shall be an annual meeting of the General Committee, held at least one day before the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, at the place appointed for holding the meeting of Grand Lodge. It may also be convened at other times, by command of the Grand Master.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. C. STEPHENS,
Chairman.

MONTREAL, July 10, 1863.

It was moved by R.W. Br. Henry Macpherson, seconded by R.W. Br. James Moffatt, and

Resolved—That the further consideration and final amendment of the Constitution be deferred until the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, and that the Grand Secretary be required to print, and forward to the Lodges, a copy of all further proposed alterations of the Constitution, instructing the Lodges to return to him, at least three months before the next meeting of Grand Lodge, with any suggested alteration or amendment.

It was moved by R.W. Br. James Moffatt, seconded by Br. Westlake, and

Resolved—That so much of the arrears of "St. John's" Lodge, No. 20, London, claimed to have been paid, under the impression that a regulation in the Constitution was operative, for the expenses of a Delegate attending at two Annual Communications of Grand Lodge, be remitted.

REPORT.

The Board of General Purposes, to whom was referred the consideration of matters contained in the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters for the various Masonic Districts, submitted the following Report:—

LONDON DISTRICT.

The Board note with pleasure, that the majority of the Lodges in this District are in a flourishing condition; but, are constrained to observe in the report itself, some evidences which serve as a drawback. To this statement, viz., that of nineteen Lodges, over one half (ten Lodges) owe Grand Lodge up to the 27th December last, about \$350.00, in sums varying from \$6.00 to \$100.00; and although the Lodges in the District generally are anxious to work correctly, it is in this District apparently, as in most of the others too often the case, that some of the Lodges located in villages and country places allow a laxity to creep in which is much to be condemned; and with many, not here perhaps more than elsewhere, it is the idea that D. D. Grand Masters should come to them when required, to perform such and such a ceremony better than they could do it themselves; with due submission it is conceived that D. D. Grand Masters, frequently in their reports to Grand Lodge, unintentionally and by their frequent excuses, as shewn in their various reports, for not more often visiting the

Lodges under their charge, foster the idea that the main, if not sole use of a D. D. Grand Master is to work for them on a gala night, and that there is but little obligation resting on the members of the Lodges, themselves to learn from those officers, all they honestly can do in order to perform correctly their duty to the Craft.

With regard to the "Morpeth" Lodge, the Master and five brethren of which, wish to retain possession of the Warrant; although from the luke-warmness of its members, he could not succeed in getting a meeting. The Board recommend that unless some very special and temporary cause can be shewn for this state of things, the Warrant be at once called in.

The Board see no cause to accede to the request of the "Great Western" Lodge, who desired to have a part of its indebtedness to Grand Lodge remitted, because such Lodge allowed its members to retire from the Lodge in arrears; as it was the duty of such Lodge, and more especially of the Master for the time being, to see that the brethren paid their dues quarterly.

HURON DISTRICT

Contains eleven Lodges. The R. W. Brother says: "I went to "Tudor" Lodge, No. 141, to inquire into charges preferred against their late Worshipful Master;" but he has not thought it requisite to give any information on these charges, or whether they were brought to trial. On the occasion of a visit paid to Lodge, No. 144, he says, "I being at the time W. M. of Nos. 81 and 102; there is surely some error in this statement.

This report shows a good deal of pains taken that the Lodges should be kept in good working order, and a very fair amount of improvement in the District; but there is still the old complaint, of a want of uniformity in the work; but this is a want, which the Board are glad to believe, is year by year diminishing.

HAMILTON DISTRICT.

This R. W. Brother says truly:—"To discharge the duties of a District Deputy Grand Master properly, would require an amount

of time and means few business men can spare." A remedy to a great extent would be found, were the officers of Lodges themselves more impressed with the duty they owe to their District Deputy Grand Masters in visiting *them* more frequently and, whenever in their power consulting with such brethren as may be within their reach, and as often as possible visiting other Lodges. The Board do certainly not consider the District Deputy Grand Master to be a travelling lecturer, nor was the office created for any such purpose.

We have at this meeting of Grand Lodge missed the good, honest face of him who has so long filled the office of Grand Tyler. The Report of the District Deputy Grand Master for the Hamilton District informs us that he will never meet with us again on earth; but it is hoped that our worthy Brother Morrison, has been admitted within the walls of a Heavenly Grand Lodge where no cowan can approach the entrance.

TORONTO DISTRICT

Contains twenty-four Lodges; some of those in the rural districts appear not to be in such a satisfactory condition as may be desired, but an improvement is looked for by the R.W. Brother who presides over them. One new Lodge has been erected during the past year. The Report shows that the R.W. Brother has not spared himself in the performance of his duties.

CENTRAL DISTRICT.

The R.W. Brother who presided over the District for the past year has had apparently but little to do; he speaks highly of the state of the Lodges in the District, and their desire to profit by his instructions. He has had no masonic grievances before him, and the Lodges are working successfully.

EASTERN TOWNSHIPS DISTRICT

Contains ten Lodges which appear to be prosperous, and working in harmony and good-will.

MONTREAL DISTRICT.

The Lodges are the same in number as last year, viz :—five ; four of which have been visited, and on the whole the result has been satisfactory.

With regard to the recommendation, that the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge be held alternately in two fixed localities, the Board leaves the subject to the decision of Grand Lodge, without any recommendation.

WILSON DISTRICT

Shows a very satisfactory condition, and an evidence that the uniformity of work is progressing.

There are no reports from the Ontario, Prince Edward, and Quebec Districts, and no reason given to the Board for this neglect by the brethren concerned.

It is evident that the work of the Lodges is gradually getting more uniform, and the Board have reason to hope that this improvement will continue. Another subject of congratulation is that but few new Lodges are being called into existence ; it is believed that there is a sufficient number in operation for the present wants of the Province, except it may be in some very special case.

W. B. SIMPSON,
P. B. G. P.

On motion, the foregoing Report was received and adopted.

It was moved by R.W. Br. James Seymour, seconded by R.W. Br. John C. Franck, and

Resolved—That the subject of the Masonic Districts, as now constituted, be referred to a Spécial Committee, to be appointed by the M.W. Grand Master, with a view to their re-construction, or if necessary, to reduce the number of Lodges in each District, by increasing the number of Districts, or otherwise, and thereby to ensure greater efficiency in their supervision by the respective District Deputy Grand Masters, said Committee to report at the next Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge.

The Board of General Purposes submitted the following Report on Grievances and Appeals :

REPORT.

The Board of General Purposes beg leave to report that they have seriously and earnestly taken into consideration the charges preferred against W. Bro. Robert Marshal Scholes, P.M. of "Antiquity" Lodge, Montreal, who has been under suspension since January 6, 1863, for unmasonic conduct. They find the several charges sustained ; but inasmuch as the offending brother has suffered the penalty of exclusion from his Lodge, and suspension of all his masonic privileges for the period of six months, and as there are evidently mitigating circumstances connected with the case, they would most respectfully recommend to Grand Lodge that the sentence of suspension be removed so soon as W. Brother Scholes tenders an ample apology to the satisfaction of the M.W. Grand Master for the offences committed.

In reference to the charges preferred by W. Br. R. M. Scholes, against R. W. Br. A. A. Stevenson, D.D.G.M. for the Montreal District, the Board cannot entertain them, inasmuch as they have been made since the complainant has been under suspension. In the case of Br. Robert H. Hervey against W. Br. Wm. Garvey, W.M. of "St. James" Lodge, No. 74, the Board would recommend that the charges be referred to the R.W. D.D.G.M. for the Central District for adjudication, inasmuch as there is not time to summon the brethren implicated during the present Communication of Grand Lodge.

In reference to the charges against W. Br. G. R. Jervis, W.M. of "Tudor" Lodge, No. 141, the Board would recommend that the case lie over till the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, in consequence of no steps having been taken to summon the said Br. Jervis to appear before this Grand Lodge, to show cause why he should not be expelled from the Craft, and in the meantime, that the sentence of suspension remain in force.

All which is respectfully submitted.

W. B. SIMPSON,
President.

BOARD ROOM, July 10, 1863.

It was moved by R.W. Br. James Seymour, seconded by R.W. Br. David Browne, and

Resolved—That the Report of the Board on Grievances and Appeals, be received and adopted.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment, to meet at 11 o'clock, A.M., to-morrow, Saturday.

SATURDAY, 11th July, 1863.

The Grand Lodge resumed its sittings at 11 o'clock, A.M.

M.W. Br. T. Douglas Harington, Grand Master,
On the Throne.

Grand Officers, Members and Representatives.

R.W. Br. W. B. Simpson, on behalf of the Committee appointed for the purpose of procuring a suitable testimonial for presentation to the M.W. Past Grand Master Wilson, submitted the following:

R E P O R T.

The Committee appointed to procure a Testimonial to be presented to the Most Worshipful Past Grand Master William Mercer Wilson, as a mark of the appreciation by Grand Lodge of the valuable services rendered to the Craft by that distinguished Brother,

Have the honor to report,

That having been assured by several of the District Deputy Grand Masters at the last Annual Meeting of Grand Lodge, at which time, only two hundred and three dollars had been subscribed; that a considerable addition to that sum might be expected in the

course of a few months from the Lodges in their respective Districts. Your Committee thought it advisable to delay closing the list to as late a period as possible, so as to enable the Lodges so inclined to send in their subscriptions; finding, however, that up to the first of May, but a very insignificant sum had been received by the Grand Secretary since the last Annual Communication, your Committee deemed it advisable to issue the following Circular:

“OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY GRAND MASTER,

“KINGSTON,.....May, 1863.

“WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BROTHER,

“The Committee on the ‘WILSON TESTIMONIAL,’ having been led to believe by the representations of several of the District Deputy Grand Masters, at the last meeting of Grand Lodge, that a considerable addition to this fund might be expected during the course of the past winter, have up to this time deferred closing the list of subscriptions.

“The Committee notice with much regret that your Lodge does not appear among those who have subscribed to the proposed Testimonial to our first Grand Master, and trust you will pardon their urging the propriety of its taking some immediate action in a matter which has been so strongly recommended by Grand Lodge. To what more laudable object could your Lodge possibly desire to contribute, than to a testimonial intended by the Fraternity as a mark of its appreciation of the services of one who has done so much for the Canadian Craft, and has made it respected both at home and abroad.

“The Committee would therefore respectfully request that you would at once lay the matter before your Lodge, in the hope that it will give at least something, however small, and that all may have an opportunity of doing so, the list will be left open a little longer, say until the 24th of June at the latest, that the testimonial may be presented at the approaching session of Grand Lodge.

“I have the honor to be,

“Dear Sir, and Worshipful Brother, yours Fraternaly,

“W. B. SIMPSON,
“Chairman of Committee

Which was responded to by thirty Lodges, and makes the total amount subscribed four hundred and thirty-six dollars as follows:

NO.	LODGE.	AMOUNT.	NO.	LODGE.	AMOUNT.
	Antiquity Lodge, Montreal	\$20 00		Brought forward.....	\$286 00
2	Niagara, Niagara.....	4 00	59	Corinthian, Ottawa.....	5 00
3	St. John's, Kingston.....	10 00	61	Acacia, Hamilton.....	5 00
4	Dorchester, St. John's.....	10 00	62	St. Andrew's, Caledonia.....	10 00
5	Sussex, Brockville.....	10 00	63	Simcoe, Simcoe.....	5 00
6	Barton, Hamilton.....	10 00	65	St. John's, Ingersoll.....	5 00
7	Union, Grimsby.....	5 00	71	Victoria, Sherbrooke.....	10 00
8	Nelson, Phillipsburg.....	5 00		Ditto.....	6 00
10	Norfolk, Simcoe.....	20 00	76	Oxford, Woodstock.....	5 00
11	Moir, Belleville.....(promised)	20 00	80	Albion, Newbury.....	4 00
12	Golden Rule, Stanstead.....	5 00	81	St. John's, Delawara.....	5 00
15	St. George's, St. Catharines.....	5 00	82	St. John's, Paris.....	4 00
17	St. John's, Cobourg.....	5 00	83	Beaver, Strathroy.....	5 00
19	St. George's, Montreal.....	20 00	88	St. George's, Owen Sound.....	5 00
	Members of ditto.....	20 00	90	Manito, Collingwood.....	5 00
21	Zetland, Montreal.....	20 00	96	Corinthian, Barrie.....	5 00
22	King Solomon, Toronto.....	10 00	98	True Blue, Albion.....	4 00
25	Ionie, Toronto.....	10 00	103	Maple Leaf, St. Catharines.....	5 00
27	Strict Observance, Hamilton.....	20 00	104	St. John's, Norwichville.....	10 00
28	Mount Zion, Kemptville.....	8 00	113	Wilson, Waterford.....	5 00
40	St. John's, Hamilton.....	10 00	117	Stanbridge, Stanbridge.....	15 00
42	St. George's, London.....	5 00	118	Union, Lloydtown.....	5 00
43	King Solomon's, Woodstock.....	10 00	125	Cornwall, Cornwall.....	5 00
45	Brant, Brantford.....	5 00	133	Leban on Forest, Franceston....	2 00
46	Wellington, Chatham.....	5 00	135	St. Clair, Milton.....	4 00
49	Harington, Quebec.....	5 00	143	Friendly Brothers, Iroquois.....	5 00
53	Shefford, Waterloo.....	5 00	149	Erie, Port Dover.....	4 00
54	Vaughan, Maple.....	4 00		Rev. V. Clementi, G. Chaplain..	2 00
	Carried forward.....	\$286 00			\$436 00

The Committee regarding this sum altogether inadequate to procure a suitable testimonial, and having in view the fact that the cost of the presentation as at first proposed was intended to have been entirely borne by Grand Lodge, suggested to the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, the propriety of adding to the sum subscribed a sufficient amount from the funds of the Grand Lodge to procure a testimonial alike worthy of the Grand Lodge and the distinguished Brother to whom it was to be presented, this having met with his cordial concurrence, your Committee proceeded at once to procure the following for the testimonial, viz:—*An elegant carved oak case, containing complete silver sets for breakfast, dinner and tea, valued to cost, with the engraving, &c., eight hundred and eighty-five dollars and sixty-five cents.*

The following is the inscription engraven on the testimonial:—
 “Presented to the Most Worshipful Brother William Mercer Wilson, Esq., L.L.D., by the Grand Lodge, Subordinate Lodges, and his Brethren of Canada, as a testimonial of their sincere regard and respect, their appreciation of his high qualities as a man and a

Free Mason, and an acknowledgment of his valuable services at the formation of the Grand Lodge of Canada, and as its first Grand Master, which high office he held for five consecutive years, viz., from 1855 to 1859 inclusive."

Respectfully submitted,

W. B. SIMPSON,
Chairman of Committee.

It was moved by R.W. Br. W. B. Simpson, seconded by R.W. Br. A. A. Stevenson, and

Resolved—That the Report of the Committee on the "Wilson Testimonial" be received and adopted.

The Board of General Purposes, to whom was referred the consideration of matters contained in the address of the M.W. Grand Master, submitted the following :

REPORT.

M. W. GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

To the M.W. Grand Lodge.

Your Board, to whom was submitted the address of the M.W. Grand Master, beg respectfully to observe thereon, that they most heartily concur in the remarks contained in the Grand Master's address, with reference to the auspicious occasion of the marriage of our beloved Prince of Wales with the accomplished and lovely daughter of Denmark, and desire to express their heartfelt wishes that that marriage may be productive, as they have every reason to hope and believe, of happy and permanent advantages and lasting blessings to the British Empire, and the world in general.

They have known the Prince on this Continent, and esteem him, and trust that when the G.A.O.T.U. shall so decree, and that he should assume the dignified responsibilities of the British Empire, that we may find in him a worthy successor to our present beloved Queen—but may that day be far distant.

The advancement and progress of Freemasonry in the Province, as recorded in the Grand Master's address, cannot but be gratifying to Grand Lodge and the Craft in general.

The decisions of the M.W. Grand Master, on the various points referred to in his address, appear to your Board to be in perfect harmony with the laws of Masonry.

It is gratifying to the Board to observe that, in the absence of any particularly organized body for that purpose, the Grand Master has duly attended to the necessities and the duties of the Craft in all cases requiring their benevolent interposition.

Your Board feel that, whilst the Grand Lodge of Canada can afford all assistance that may be needed by brethren claiming its aid, the time has not yet arrived when the laudable anticipations of the Grand Lodge for the erection of a Masonic Asylum can be carried out.

It is gratifying to your Board to observe that the recognition of the valued services of the M.W. Past Grand Master Wilson has at length taken substantial position, and that their acknowledgement of his devotion to the Order in the formation, and in the early days of the Grand Lodge of Canada, are now to be fittingly recognized.

The M.W. Grand Master calls the attention of Grand Lodge to an omission which he and your Board are perfectly aware must have been an inadvertance on their part. In 1856, the Grand Lodge, duly appreciating the valuable counsel and services of the R.W. Br. W. C. Stephens, recorded by a unanimous vote, that an acknowledgment of those services should be recognized, by presenting the R.W. Brother with an honorary jewel, or some other suitable mark of esteem, and they beg to suggest that immediate steps be taken to procure and present the said highly deserved testimonial.

It cannot fail to be a matter of congratulation to the Board and Grand Lodge, that those cordial relations between this Grand Lodge and the Grand Lodge of England, have been recognized by them, by the appointment of R.W. Brother Lord de Tabley as the Representative of the Grand Lodge of Canada, at the United Grand Lodge of England.

The correspondence, and the action taken by the M.W. Grand Master, with reference to the Lodges claiming affiliation with the

Grand Lodge of England, is most cordially approved, and the Board earnestly feel with him the hope, that the matters have been so happily adjusted.

It cannot fail to be a matter of congratulation to the Craft, that our relations with the Grand Lodges of Ireland and Scotland are of the most fraternal character, and it is only to be regretted that the harmonious exchange of friendly relations between ourselves and our brethren in the Southern States of America, should have been disturbed by the much lamented strife between them and their Northern States.

Your Board highly approve the prudent and conservative action of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, with reference to the invitation he received for the "National Masonic Convention," held in New York in September last.

Your Board most cordially recognize the truly Masonic sentiments contained in the M.W. Grand Master's address, with reference to the sad misunderstanding between the Northern and Southern States of America, and earnestly unites with him in the hope, that within a very brief period, our brethren on this continent may be restored to those peaceful relations, which have, and they trust ever will characterize Freemasonry all over the globe.

All which is respectfully submitted,

W. B. SIMPSON,
President.

It was moved by R.W. Br. W. B. Simpson, seconded by M.W. Br. W. M. Wilson, and

Resolved—That the Report of the Board, on matters named in the M.W. Grand Master's address, be received and adopted.

It was moved by R.W. Br. David Browne, seconded by R.W. Br. William Bellhouse, and

Resolved—That the M.W. Grand Master and the R.W. Deputy Grand Master be a Committee to carry out a resolution of this Grand Lodge, having reference to the presenting M.W. Br. W. C. Stephens, with some suitable mark of its appreciation of his valuable counsel and services.

The testimonial voted by the Craft of Canada to their first Grand Master, Most Worshipful WILLIAM MERCER

WILSON, Esquire, which had been selected by the Committee appointed by Grand Lodge for that purpose, was presented to him in open Lodge, by the M. W. Grand Master T. Douglas Harrington, Esquire, who accompanied the presentation with some appropriate and affectionate remarks, which were warmly assented to by the brethren present. The following is a brief account of the remarks expressed by M.W. Brother Wilson on the occasion :

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren :

There are incidents, I presume, in the lives of most men, which, exciting their liveliest feelings of grateful emotion, creates in them an intense desire for the ability to express them suitably and forcibly, but the very intensity of the feelings excited by the occasion, prevents all expression of them. Such is my own condition at the present moment, and I have no words at command with which to express a tithe of the emotions which now swell at and oppress my heart. This magnificent testimonial, intrinsically valuable as it is, is infinitely more acceptable and valuable to me, as evidencing the kind feeling which had prompted the donors ; a gift worthy of the distinguished body of men from whom it emanates, and far above the poor deserts of him whom you have at all times delighted to honor.

Brethren, you have been pleased to rate highly my past services in the cause of Masonry, but this you must permit me to say that, had it not been for the wise heads and warm hearts which encouraged, counselled and sustained me, during the many hours of anxiety, perplexity and difficulty, when we first raised the standard of our Grand Lodge, all the efforts which were then made to establish Canadian Masonry on a permanent and suitable basis, would have proved a failure ; for the invaluable services rendered by these fathers of Canadian Masonry, on the occasion referred to, for the unvarying kindness and support which I have individually and at all times received from the Craft at large, and for this last and crowning mark of your esteem and approbation, I can only tender you my most grateful and heartfelt acknowledgments. This magnificent testimonial will be proudly preserved by my

descendants, and long years after all who now hear me shall have passed away from the chequered scenes of this earthly pilgrimage, future generations of Masons may point to it and say, it was thus that our masonic fore-fathers proved their love for the Royal Art, and rewarded those who had labored for the cause.

The M. W. Grand Master appointed the following brethren as members of the Board of General Purposes, in the place of those retiring by rotation, viz :

R. W. Br.	John H. Isaacson,	Montreal Kilwinning,	Lodge, No. 124
" " "	James A. Henderson,	St. John's	" " 3
" " "	Charles D. Macdonnell,	"	" " 3
" " "	John Kerr,	"	" " 3
" " "	John H. Graham,	St. Francis	" " 67.
V. " "	C. J. S. Askin,	Wellington	" " 46

The Grand Lodge elected as members of the Board of General Purposes the following :

M. W. Br.	W. C. Stephens,	Acacia	Lodge, No. 61
R. " "	Charles Magill,	Barton	" " 6
" " "	James Seymour,	Maple Leaf	" " 103
" " "	Kivas Tully	Wilson	" " 86
" " "	Robert Spence,	"	" " 86
V. " "	W. F. Biggar,	Union	" " 7
" " "	E. J. Senkler,	Sussex	" " 5

The Board of General Purposes reported to Grand Lodge that the Grand Secretary had laid before them copies of the annual proceedings of the following Grand Lodges, viz :

California	1862	Massachusetts	1862
Colorado	1861 and 1862	Michigan	1863
Delaware	1862	Nebraska	1862
Illinois	1862	New York	1862
Iowa	1862	New Jersey	1862 and 1862
Indiana	1861	New Hampshire	1862
Kansas	1861 and 1862	Oregon	1862
Kentucky	1862	Rhode Island	1862
Louisiana	1861, 1862 and 1863	Vermont	1862
Maine	1861 and 1862	Wisconsin	1862
Maryland	1862	Washington Territory ..	1861

The business of Grand Lodge being finished it was closed in Ample form, with solemn prayer.

[ATTEST]



Thos. P. Harris
G. Sec.

Grand Secretary's Account.

THOMAS B. HARRIS, *Grand Secretary, in Account Current with the Grand Lodge of Canada. Monies received during the fiscal year, from 27th December, 1861 to 31st December, 1862.*

NO.	NAMES OF LODGES.	\$	C.	NO.	NAMES OF LODGES.	\$	C.
—	Antiquity Lodge, Montreal..	10.00			Brought forward,	\$1,710.42	
1	Prevost, Dunham.....	56.00		51	Corinthian, Grahamville..	11.25	
2	Niagara, Niagara.....	38.10		52	Wellington, Dunnville....	21.00	
3	St. John's, Kingston.....	68.34		53	Shefford, Waterloo.....	40.07	
4	Dorchester, St. Johns'....	32.00		54	Vaughan, Maple.....	24.90	
5	Sussex, Brockville.....	47.25		55	Mirickville, Mirickville....	20.00	
6	Barton, Hamilton.....	116.35		56	Victoria, Port Sarnia.....	33.50	
7	Union, Grimsby.....	18.00		57	Harmony, Binbrook.....	14.00	
8	Nelson, Philipsburg.....	27.00		58	Doric, Ottawa.....	77.70	
9	Union, Napanee.....	2.50		59	Corinthian, Ottawa.....	24.60	
10	Norfolk, Simcoe.....	46.50		60	Hoyle, La Colle.....	15.75	
11	Moir, Belleville.....	78.50		61	Acacia, Hamilton.....	30.63	
13	Western Light, Bolton....	26.75		62	St. Andrew's, Caledonia..	36.00	
15	St. George's, St. Catharines	69.75		64	Kilwinning, London.....	40.00	
16	St. Andrew's, Toronto.....	70.50		65	Rehoboam.....	2.00	
17	St. John's, Cobourg.....	35.00		66	Durham, Newcastle.....	19.75	
18	Prince Edward's, Picton...	55.75		67	St. Francis, Richmond....	18.00	
19	St. George's, Montreal....	68.75		68	St. John's, Ingersoll.....	11.90	
20	St. John's, London.....	21.00		69	Stirling, Stirling.....	67.51	
22	King Solomon's Toronto....	138.63		71	Victoria, Sherbrooke.....	55.50	
24	St. Francis, Smith's Falls..	26.50		72	Alma, Galt.....	8.50	
25	Ionic, Toronto.....	29.75		73	St. James', St. Mary's....	24.50	
26	Ontario, Port Hope.....	39.25		74	St. James', Maitland.....	26.00	
28	Mount Zion, Kemptville...	57.25		75	St. John's, Toronto.....	161.70	
29	United, Brighton.....	12.75		76	Oxford, Woodstock.....	46.55	
31	Jerusalem, Bowmanville..	18.50		78	King Hiram, Tilsonburgh	36.00	
32	Amity, Dunnville.....	17.25		80	Albion, Newbury.....	40.92	
34	Thistle, Amherstburg.....	16.00		81	St. John's, Delaware....	35.35	
35	St. John's, Cayuga.....	20.00		82	St. John's, Paris.....	16.75	
36	Welland, Fonthill.....	74.00		83	Beaver, Strathroy.....	39.00	
37	King Hiram, Ingersoll.....	15.50		84	Clinton, Clinton.....	94.00	
39	Mount Zion, Prince Albert.	15.25		85	Rising Sun, Farmersville..	2.00	
40	St. John's, Hamilton.....	95.50		86	Wilson, Toronto.....	16.75	
41	St. George's, Kingsville...	8.00		87	Markham Union, Markham	20.00	
42	St. George's, London.....	26.75		88	St. George's, Owen Sound	24.00	
43	King Solomon's, Woodstock	10.50		89	King Hiram, Lindsay....	32.00	
44	St. Thomas, St. Thomas...	12.00		90	Manito, Collingwood.....	12.00	
45	Brant, Brantford.....	40.00		91	Colborne, Colborne.....	33.50	
46	Wellington, Chatham.....	40.00		93	Northern Light, Kincardine	55.00	
47	Great Western, Windsor..	16.00		94	St. Mark's, Port Stanley..	42.00	
48	Madoc, Madoc.....	5.00		95	Ridout, Otterville.....	26.18	
49	Harington, Quebec.....	65.50		96	Corinthian, Barrie.....	44.75	
50	Consecon, Consecon.....	22.50		97	Sharon, Sharon.....	37.75	

Carried forward, \$1,710.42

Carried forward, \$3,149.68

Grand Secretary's Account Current—CONTINUED.

NO.	NAMES OF LODGES.	\$ c.	NO.	NAMES OF LODGES.	\$ c.
	Brought forward,	\$3,149.68		Brought forward,	\$4,067.29
98	True Blue, Albion.....	19.00	127	Franck, Frankford.....	23.00
99	Tuscan, Newmarket.....	7.00	129	The Rising Sun, Aurora..	16.00
100	Valley, Dundas.....	55.12	130	Yamaska, Granby.....	32.00
101	Corinthian, Peterboro'...	21.75	133	Lebanon Forest, Exeter..	28.00
103	Maple Leaf, St. Catharines	57.00	134	Shawenegam, Three Rivers	99.50
104	St. John's, Norwichville..	30.00	135	St. Clair, Milton.....	35.00
105	St. Mark's, Drummondville	18.50	136	Richardson, Cashel... ..	18.75
106	Burford, Burford.....	17.00	137	Pythagoras, Meaford	31.00
107	St. Paul's, Lambeth.....	15.75	140	Malahide, Aylmer, C.W..	73.00
108	Blenheim, Drumbo.....	30.74	141	Tudor, Mitchell.....	20.50
109	Albion, Sydenham.....	21.50	142	Excelsior, Morrisburgh..	17.75
110	Central, Prescott.... .	63.25	143	Friendly Brothers, Iroquois	46.10
111	Morpeth, Morpeth.....	8.50	144	Tecumseh, Stratford.....	31.00
112	Maitland Goderich.....	69.00	145	J. B. Hall, Mill Brook ...	17.00
113	Wilson, Waterford.....	12.50	146	Prince of Wales, Newburgh	31.75
114	Hope, Port Hope.....	31.75	147	Mississippi, Almonte.....	20.00
115	Ivy, Smithville.....	16.75	148	Civil Service, Quebec ...	15.00
116	Cassia, Sylvan.... .	10.50	149	Erie, Port Dover.....	43.80
117	Stanbridge, Stanbridge...	52.00	150	Hastings, Hastings.....	22.50
118	Union, Lloydtown.....	30.50	151	The Grand River, Berlin..	24.75
119	Maple Leaf, Bath.....	22.50	152	Clarenceville, Clarenceville	5.25
120	Warren, Fingal.....	17.00	153	Burns, Wyoming.....	61.25
121	Doric, Brantford.....	60.50	154	Irving, Lucan.....	42.75
122	Renfrew, Renfrew.....	8.00		Special Dispensations....	1.00
123	The Belleville, Belleville..	32.50		Old 52, Wellington.....	2.00
124	Montreal Kilwin'g, Montr'l	136.00		Geo. F. LaSerre.....	2.00
125	Cornwall, Cornwall.....	29.50		W. G. Storm.....	47.00
126	Golden Rule, Campbellsford	23.50		Constitutions.....	6.83
Carried forward,		\$4,067.29			\$4,881.77

Masonic Asylum Fund—Grand Secretary's Statement.

NO.	NAMES OF LODGES.	PROMISED.	CASH PAID.
4	Dorchester Lodge	..	\$102 50
5	Sussex	\$ 50 00	..
6	Barton	100 00	..
8	Nelson	..	53 00
10	Norfolk	..	60 50
13	Western Light	..	23 00
17	St. John's	..	20 00
18	Prince Edward	100 00	..
34	Thistle	42 00	..
37	King Hiram	23 00	..
48	Madoc	40 00	..
49	Harington	..	36 00
51	Corinthian	..	25 00
56	Victoria	..	31 00
57	Harmony	..	20 00
58	Doric	..	80 00
59	Corinthian	..	100 00
60	Hoyle	..	25 00
62	St. Andrew's	55 00	..
73	St. James'	..	10 00
75	St. John's	270 00	..
78	King Hiram	..	63 50
80	Albion	..	33 00
83	Beaver	..	29 00
84	Clinton	..	115 00
96	Corinthian	..	82 50
98	True Blue	..	25 00
101	Corinthian	..	65 75
108	Blenheim	25 00	..
113	Wilson	..	57 00
116	Cassia	..	25 00
117	Stanbridge	..	35 00
130	Yamaska	..	26 00
133	Lebanon Forest	..	20 00
134	Shawenegam	..	73 00
141	Tudor	30 00	..
146	Prince of Wales	..	30 00
147	Mississippi	..	37 00
151	Grand River	..	20 00
13	Stadacona Chapter, Quebec	..	20 00
		<u>\$735 50</u>	<u>\$1,360 75</u>

CONTRA.

February 26, 1862.—By paid Grand Treasurer	\$788 75
June 30, " — " "	200 00
Sept'r 18, " — " "	244 00
February 12, 1863.— " "	128 00
	<u>\$1,360 75</u>

RECAPITULATION.

To Amount received	\$1,360 75
" " promised	735 50
	<u>\$2,096 25</u>

List of Gore Bank Deposit Receipts,

*Held by HENRY GROFF, as Grand Treasurer for the Grand Lodge of Canada,
which constitutes the amount named in the Account attached hereunto.*

Date of Receipt.	No.	Office Issued from.	Amount.	Total.
1860.			\$	\$ c.
March 6	507	Head Office.....	1000	
	508	"	300	
August 2	773	"	500	
Novem. 1	978	"	200	
1861.				
March 2	1263	"	400	
May 7	1417	"	600	
July 19	1605	"	600	
Octob'r 16	1779	"	300	
Decem. 28	1928	"	408	
1862.				
Jan'y 18	2004	"	300	
				4,608 00
July 11	11	Simcoe	204	
August 19	20	"	1100	
Novem. 1	40	"	488	
" 6	44	"	400	
				2,191 00
				\$6,800 00
		To which add interest accrued..		382 68
				\$7,182 68
		Total..		
		Add Cash in hand	472 44	
		Middlesex Debentures	1600 00	
				2,072 44
		Total Assets.....		\$9,255 12

HENRY GROFF,
Acting G.T.

SIMCOE, 31st Dec., 1862.

Masonic Asylum Fund.

HENRY GROFF, *Grand Treasurer, in Account with the Grand Lodge of Canada, Free and Accepted Masons.*

1862.	\$	c.
Jan'y 10—To received from Grand Secretary...	603	75
March 3— “ “ “	185	00
July 1— “ “ “	200	00

“ 10— “ amount on hand as per account audited.. \$988 75

SIMCOE, 10th July, 1862.

E.E.

HENRY GROFF,
Grand Treasurer.

HENRY GROFF, *Acting Grand Treasurer, in Account with the Grand Lodge.*

1862.	\$	c.
July 10—To amount on hand, as above	988	75
Sept. 17— “ received from Grand Secretary.....	244	00

Dec. 31— “ amount on hand \$1,232 75

Which is represented by Gore Bank Deposit Receipts as follows:

No. 1,975, Head Office, 10th January, 1862.....	\$603	75
No. 2,105, “ 9th March, 1862.....	185	00
Simcoe Office, No. 3, 1st July, 1862.....	200	00
“ No.24, 18th September, 1862.....	244	00

———— 1,232 75

Interest account thereon to date 36 10

\$1,268 85

Feb. 12, 1863—Received from Grand Secretary.... 128 00

Total amount of Asylum Fund..... \$1,396 85

HENRY GROFF,
Grand Treasurer.

E. E.

Audited,

R. SPENCE, *Chairman*

NOTE.—The Grand Secretary directs the attention of Lodges in arrears to the following abstract from the Audit Committee's Report, to the Board of General Purposes, at its last meeting:—"That the Grand Secretary also notify all Lodges which have neglected to make returns and payments to Grand Lodge for twelve months, that the Law, as provided by the Constitution, will, in such case, be strictly enforced."

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES—1863-4.

PRESIDENT:

R. W. Br. William B. Simpson, Deputy Grand Master, Kingston, C.W.

VICE-PRESIDENT.

“ “ “ Alexander A. Stevenson, D.D.G.M., Montreal, C.E.

OFFICERS OF GRAND LODGE. (*By virtue of office.*)

M. W. Br. T. Douglas Harington, Grand Master, Quebec, C.E.
 R. “ “ Henry Macpherson, Grand Senior Warden, Owen Sound, C.W.
 “ “ “ Benjamin C. Davy, Grand Junior Warden, Napanee, “

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS. (*By virtue of office.*)

R. W. Br.	George Masson,	Sarnia,	C. W.
“ “ “	David Curtis,	Brantford,	“
“ “ “	John Dutton,	Stratford,	“
“ “ “	William Bellhouse,	Hamilton,	“
“ “ “	Alfio DeGrassi,	Toronto,	“
“ “ “	Joseph Brock,	Newcastle,	“
“ “ “	Lawrence H. Henderson,	Belleville,	“
“ “ “	Alexander G. Macdonell,	Morrisburgh,	“
“ “ “	David Browne,	Dunham, C.E.	
“ “ “	Richard Pope,	Quebec,	“

ELECTED BY GRAND LODGE.

M. W. Br.	William Mercer Wilson,	P.G.M.,	Simcoe,	C.W.
R. “ “	Æmilus Irving,	P.D.D.G.M.,	Hamilton,	“
“ “ “	William Daniell,	P.M.,	“	“
R. “ “	James, Seymour,	P.G.S.W.,	St. Catharines,	“
“ “ “	Charles Magill,	P.D.D.G.M.,	Hamilton,	“
M. “ “	W. C. Stephens,	P.G.M.,	Detroit,	U.S.A.
R. “ “	Kivas Tully,	P.D.D.G.M.,	Toronto,	C.W.
“ “ “	Robert Spence,	P.G.S.W.,	“	“
V. “ “	W. F. Biggar,	P.G. Sup't of W.	Grimsby,	“
“ “ “	E. J. Senkler,	W.M.,	Brockville,	“

APPOINTED BY THE GRAND MASTER.

R. W. Br.	W. H. Weller,	P.D.D.G.M.,	Cobourg,	“
“ “ “	William G. Storm,	P.D.D.G.M.,	Toronto,	“
“ “ “	Samuel D. Fowler,	P.G.S.W.,	Kingston,	“
V. “ “	W. R. Ogilvie,	P.G.S.D.,	Montreal,	C. E.
R. “ “	John H. Isaacson,	P.D.D.G.M.,	“	“
“ “ “	James A. Henderson,	P.D.D.G.M.,	Kingston,	C.W.
V. “ “	C. D. Macdonnell,	G.S.D.,	“	“
“ “ “	John Kerr,	P.M.,	“	“
“ “ “	C. J. Askin,	G. Direc. of Cer.	Chatham,	“
R. “ “	John H. Graham,	G. Reg.	Richmond,	“

LIST OF GRAND OFFICERS FOR 1863-4.

M W Br	Thomas Douglas Harington,	Grand Master.
R W Br	William B Simpson,	Deputy Grand Master.
" "	George Masson,	D D G M London District.
" "	David Curtis,	" Wilson "
" "	John Dutton,	" Huron "
" "	William Bellhouse,	" Hamilton "
" "	A DeGrassi,	" Toronto "
" "	Joseph Brock,	" Ontario "
" "	Lawrence H Henderson,	" Pr. Edward "
" "	Alexander G Macdonell,	" Central "
" "	A A Stevenson,	" Montreal "
" "	David Browne,	" E. Town'ps "
" "	Richard Pope,	" Quebec "
" "	Henry Macpherson,	Grand Senior Warden.
" "	Benjamin C Davy,	Grand Junior Warden.
" "	Rev. Vincent Clementi,	Grand Chaplain.
" "	Henry Groff,	Grand Treasurer.
" "	John H Graham,	Grand Registrar.
" "	Thomas B Harris,	Grand Secretary.
V "	Charles D Macdonnell,	Grand Senior Deacon.
" "	A G Fenwick,	Grand Junior Deacon.
" "	Frederick J Rastrick,	Grand Superintendent of Works.
" "	C J S Askin,	Grand Director of Ceremonies.
" "	Thomas McCracken,	Assistant Grand Secretary.
" "	John Paterson,	Grand Sword Bearer.
" "	W G F Downs,	Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies.
" "	Frederick C Dettmers,	Grand Organist.
" "	Henry Carlisle,	Assistant Grand Organist.
" "	Stanislaus Blondheim,	Grand Pursuivant.
" "	William Hannah,	Grand Tyler.
V W Brs	George W Parker, Wm Smeaton, Alex Walker,	} Grand Stewards.
	John H Flock, George C Longley, Thomas	
	White, John Macdonell, George L Graham.	

REPRESENTATIVES OF GRAND LODGES.

M. W. Br. W. C. Stephens,	from the U G. L. England...	at the G. L. of Canada.
R. " " Kivas Tully,	G. L. Ireland	"
" " " Thomas Drummond,	" Scotland	"
M. " " William M. Wilson,	" Illinois	"
" " " " "	" St. Domingo	"
" " " A. Bernard,	" Vermont	"
R. " " Thomas B. Harris,	" Kansas	"
" " " Cyril Pearl,	" Maine	"
" " " James A. Henderson,	" New York	"
" " " The Rt. Hon. Lord de Tabley,	Canada, at the U.G.L. of England.	
" " " Michael Furnell,	" at the G.L. of Ireland.	
" " " Lindsey Mackersy,	" Scotland.	
" " " Isaac B. Bowdish,	" Vermont.	
" " " Wm. Pitt Preble,	" Maine.	
" " " Henry W. Turner,	" New York.	
" " " Horner A. Johnson,	" Illinois.	
" " " Jacinto de Castro,	" St. Domingo.	

** The Ninth Annual Communication of Grand Lodge will be held at the City of Hamilton, on the second Wednesday in July, A.L. 5864, A.D. 1864.

RETURN OF SUBORDINATE LODGES, RENDERED 24th JUNE, 1863.

Lodges marked thus (*) held their installation of Officers on the Festival of St. John the Evangelist: all others on that of St. John the Baptist.

No.	LODGE.	WHERE HELD.	NIGHT OF MEETING.	W. MASTER.	SECRETARY.
	*Antiquity Lodge....	Montreal.....	First Thursday.....of every month.	W Br F C Dettmers.	Br Wm Whitney
1	*Prevost.....	Dunham.....	Tuesday preceding full moon....	" David Browne.	" John B Seymour
2	Niagara.....	Niagara.....	Wednesday on or before full moon	" J B Robertson.	" Angus McArthur
3	*St. John's.....	Kingston.....	First Thursday.....	" Geo F LaSerre	" H C Voigt
4	*Dorchester.....	St. Johns.....	First Thursday.....	" G T Morehouse	" Chest'r Wilkinson
5	*Sussex.....	Brockville....	Wednesday on or preceding f. m..	" E J Senkler....	" Alex Stewart
6	Barton.....	Hamilton.....	Second Wednesday.....	" B E Charlton..	" Wm T Munday
7	Union.....	Grimsby.....	Thursday on or before full moon..	" Jno S Walker.	" T C Brownjohn
8	*Nelson.....	Phillipsburg..	Thursday on or before full moon..	" Geo W Parker.	" Moore Baker
9	*Union.....	Napanee.....	Friday before full moon.....	" Ben C Davy..	" John Benson
10	*Norfolk.....	Simcoe.....	Thursday on or before full moon..	" Jno Williamson	" Amos A Merrill
11	*Moira.....	Belleville....	Wednesday on or preceding full m.	" Marc's Crombie	" James Corby
12	*Golden Rule.....	Stanstead....	Tuesday on or before full moon..	" R P Stewart..	" S W Taylor
13	Western Light.....	Bolton.....	Wednesday on or before full moon	" Wm Gardhouse	" Thos C Starrett
14	*True Briton's.....	Perth.....	First Monday.....	" John Stewart.	" A C Sinclair
15	St. George's.....	St. Catharines.	Tuesday on or before full moon..	" F W Macdonald	" W Chatfield
16	St. Andrew's.....	Toronto.....	Second Tuesday.....	" Jno Paterson..	" Walter S Lee
17	St. John's.....	Cobourg.....	Monday before full moon.....	" William Benson	" W J Stanton
18	*Prince Edward's...	Pictou.....	Thursday on or preceding full m.	" Donald Fraser.	" John Twigg
19	*St. George's.....	Montreal.....	Third Tuesday.....	" R A Smith....	" W L McKenzie
20	*St. John's.....	London.....	Second Tuesday.....	" J J McKenzie..	" M D Dawson
21	*Zetland.....	Montreal.....	Second Thursday.....	" Ab'm Hoffnung	" Isaac B Davis
22	King Solomon's.....	Toronto.....	Second Thursday.....	" Daniel Spry...	" Henry M Scott
23	*Richmond.....	Richmond Hill.	Thursday on or before full moon..	" Jas Ingram....	" W P Richmond
24	*St. Francis.....	Smith's Falls..	Friday on or before full moon....	" Wm H Tracy..	" Stewart Moag
25	*Ionic.....	Toronto.....	First Tuesday.....	" F C Draper....	" W N Radenhurst
26	*Ontario.....	Port Hope.....	Third Thursday.....	" Thos Crossen..	" J E Peachey Trew

			of every month.	W	Br	J S Henderson	Br	F C Bruce
27	*Strict Observance...	Hamilton	Third Tuesday	"	"	J Adams jun.	"	" Walker Kerr
28	Mount Zion	Kemptville	Wednesday preceding full moon.	"	"	Robt Barker..	"	" Styles Bulkley
29	*United	Brighton	Thursday before full moon	"	"	Yeo'n Gibson.	"	" George Yule, junr
30	*Composite	Whitby	First Thursday	"	"	George Smart	"	" Jno McLeod
31	*Jerusalem	Bowmanville	Wednesday before full moon	"	"	W Montague	"	" D Galbreath
32	*Amity	Dunnville	Wednesday after full moon	"	"	Asa Young	"	" Thos H Brush
33	*Tistle	Amherstburg	Tuesday before full moon	"	"	T H Aikman	"	" Charles Beard
34	St. John's	Cayuga	Tuesday on or after full moon	"	"	Beaman Noble	"	" Jas W Chambers
35	Welland	Fonthill	Thursday on or before full moon.	"	"	Henry Taylor.	"	" D Roblin
36	*King Hiram	Ingersoll	Thursday on or before full moon...	"	"	H W Day....	"	" Abner Hurd junr
37	*Trent	Trenton	Tuesday before full moon	"	"	R H Tomlinson	"	" Alex Ruthford
38	*Mount Zion	Prince Albert	Tuesday on or preceding full moon	"	"	C V an Norman	"	" Jasper Golden
39	*St. John's	Hamilton	Third Thursday	"	"	Jno H Black..	"	" Ed W Griffith
40	St. George's	Kingsville	Thursday on or before full moon..	"	"	Geo Burdett..	"	" Jno H Bryant
41	St. George's	London	First Wednesday	"	"	Geo Forbes	"	" Joseph Laing
42	King Solomon's	Woodstock	Tuesday on or before full moon	"	"	Charles Roe	"	" James C Nelles
43	*St. Thomas	St. Thomas	First Thursday	"	"	Jno Taylor...	"	" W H Hedges
44	Brant	Brantford	Tuesday on or before full moon	"	"	Thos Stone...	"	" Thomas Boddý
45	*Wellington	Chatham	Second Monday	"	"	A K Dewson	"	" James B Lay
46	*Great Western	Windsor	Thursday on or before full moon..	"	"	B H Maybee	"	" Robert Hunter
47	*Madoc	Madoc	Tuesday before full moon	"	"	Alex Walker..	"	" W E Scott
48	*Harrington	Quebec	Third Thursday	"	"	T A Fairman.	"	" Thos G Phillips
49	*Consecon	Consecon	Friday on or before full moon....	"	"	Robert Bell	"	" William Braund
50	*Corinthian	Grahamville	Tuesday before full moon.	"	"	W S Brown...	"	" E Robinson
51	Wellington	Dunnville	First and third Monday	"	"	W A Taylor..	"	" Albert Willson
52	*Shefford.	Waterloo	First Monday	"	"	Thos Goodwill	"	" Stracey Luke
53	*Vaughan	Maple	Tuesday on or after full moon....	"	"	Henry Mirick.	"	" Hugo M Grout
54	*Minickville	Minickville	Tuesday after full moon.	"	"	George Masson	"	" E M McMillen
55	Victoria	Port Sarnia	Tuesday before full moon	"	"	James Hoey..	"	" Thos H Kirby
56	*Harmony	Binbrook	Monday after full moon	"	"	J P Featherston	"	" Jas E Cole
57	*Doric	Ottawa.	First Wednesday	"	"	Isaac B Taylor	"	" George Hotchkiss
58	*Corinthian	Ottawa.	Third Thursday	"	"	Rd Foster....	"	"
59	*Hoyle	La Collé..	Second Tuesday	"	"			
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Returns of Subordinate Lodges—Continued.

No.	LODGE.	WHERE HELD.	NIGHT OF MEETING.	W. MASTER.	SECRETARY.
61	*Acaia	Hamilton	Fourth Friday	W Br Thos B Harris	Br John W Murton
62	*St. Andrew's	Caledonia	Wednesday on or before full moon	" J B Holden ..	" D Cameron
63	*Simcoe	London	Tuesday on or before full moon...	" R C Lyons ..	" Thos G Matheson
64	*Kilwinning	London	Third Thursday	" David Glass ..	" S A Moule
66	*Durham	Newcastle	Tuesday on or before full moon ..	" Joseph Brock..	" E A McNaughton
67	*St. Francis	Richmond	First Thursday	" Jno H Graham	" Wm E Jones
68	*St. John's	Ingersoll	Thursday on or before full moon..	" W J Allison ..	" Abel Bristol
69	*Stirling	Stirling	Thursday after full moon.....	" Jas A Preston.	" Henry Carre
70	*King	King	Friday on or before full moon....	" Jos Smelser ..	" Robert Scott
71	*Victoria	Sherbrooke	Second Tuesday	" E W Wiswell..	" C W Whitcher
72	*Alma	Galt	Thursday on or after full moon...	" Otto Klotz ...	" Geo H Patterson
73	*St. James's	St. Mary's	First Monday	" Jas Macfadden	" T S Shortt
74	*St. James's	Maitland	Monday nearest full moon	" William Garvey	" Robert Byers
75	*St. John's	Toronto	First Monday	" John Kerr....	" Fred J Menet
76	*Oxford	Woodstock	Second Wednesday	" No returns	" Edward Burke
77	*Faithful Brethren...	Oakwood	Wednesday before full moon	" Wm West ...	" Thos Beal
78	*King Hiram.....	Tilsonburgh ..	Wednesday on or before full moon	" George Barry..	" S B Newcomb
79	*Simcoe	Bradford	Thursday after full moon.....	" R Thompson..	" Edward Marrow
80	*Albion	Newbury	First Tuesday	" W S Rogers..	" Andrew Wilson
81	*St. John's	Delaware	First Tuesday	" James Bullock.	" Fred C Rogers
82	*St. John's	Paris	First Tuesday	" T Richardson..	" Wm S Martin
83	*Beaver	Strathroy	Friday on or after full moon	" Russel H Read	" Jno Lenfestey, Jr
84	*Clinton.....	Clinton	Wednesday on or after full moon.	" Hugh Mackay	" J E Cooper
85	*Rising Sun	Farmersville ..	Thursday nearest full moon . . .	" Robert Spence	" John Segsworth
86	*Wilson.....	Toronto	Third Tuesday	" Jesse Noble ..	" P C Secor
87	*Markham Union....	Markham	Friday on or before full moon....	" H Macpherson..	" James Buchan
88	*St. George's	Owen Sound ..	Wednesday on or before full moon	" Jno F Albro ..	" Henry Gladman
89	*King Hiram.....	Lindsay	First Tuesday	" H M Cleland..	" Henry Robertson
90	*Manito	Collingwood ..	Wednesday on or after full moon.		

91	*Colborne	Colborne	Friday on or before full moon. . .	George Goslee	Addison Vars
92	Cataraqui	Kingston	Second Wednesday	H Dumble . . .	Henry Meadows
93	*Northern Light . . .	Kincardine	Thursday on or after full moon . .	James Legear .	William Avery
94	*St. Mark's	Port Stanley	Second Tuesday	D Miller	J T G Finley
95	Ridout	Otterville	Thursday on or before full moon.	John Wood . . .	G Goodwin
96	*Corinthian	Barrie	Thursday on or before full moon..	Ed A Walker	Jas N Graham
97	*Sharon	Sharon	Thursday on or before full moon . .	Wm Trent . . .	William Mallory
98	True Blue	Albion	Friday on or before full moon . . .	Robt Dick . . .	John Gilmour
99	*Tuscan	Newmarket	Second Wednesday	N A Gamble . .	Thos Bishop
100	Valley	Dundas	First Wednesday	J McMahon . . .	Alex D Cameron
101	*Corinthian	Peterboro'	Wednesday on or preceding f. m..	Richard White	Thomas White Jr
103	*Maple Leaf	St. Catharines	Thursday on or after full moon..	Jno Dale	Henry Izard
104	St. John's	Norwichville	Wednesday after full moon	Geo L Beard . .	Abr'm P Miller
105	St. Mark's	Drummondville	Thursday on or before full moon . .	Charles Treble	J Bartle
106	*Burford	Burford	Wednesday before full moon	Jacob Bingham	John Findlay
107	St. Paul's	Lambeth	Second Wednesday	Chas P Bureh	Daniel Y Hoyt
108	Blenheim	Drumbo	Wednesday on or before full moon	Wesley Howell	James McKenzie
109	Albion	Sydenham	Tuesday after full moon	Joseph Watson	Sam'l Reynolds Jr
110	*Central	Prescott	Tuesday before full moon	W H Brouse . .	Richard L Marsh
111	*Morpeth	Morpeth	Second Thursday	A Heyward . . .	James Thomson
112	Maitland	Goderich	Second Tuesday	R W Wallace . .	Leamon Becker
113	*Wilson	Waterford	Wednesday on or before full moon	Thos W Clark	Andrew Barr
114	*Hope	Port Hope	First Thursday	Jos G Williams	George Brant
115	*Ivy	Smithville	Tuesday after full moon	M L Roberts . .	Wm Gattis
116	*Cassia	Wilder	Monday on or before full moon . .	John Dawson . .	S H Cornell
117	*Stanbridge	Stanbridge	Wednesday on or before full moon	Hobart Butler	A Armstrong Jr
118	Union	Lloyddown	Monday on or before full moon . .	James Wilson	Thos Ashton
119	*Maple Leaf	Bath	Monday before full moon	Robt Stenson . .	John Thorn
120	Warren	Fingal	Second Thursday	Ben Thompson	J P Excell
121	*Doric	Brantford	Friday on or preceding full moon .	Reg Henwood	David Evans
122	Renfrew	Renfrew	Tuesday nearest full moon	S Huntington . .	James Quinn
123	*The Belleville	Belleville	First Thursday	J A Macinnes	Wm H Hall
124	*Montreal Kilwinning	Montreal	Second Monday	Jno Reushaw	Charles Poole
125	*Cornwall	Cornwall	Monday on or after full moon....	Jno Macdonell	Charles Poole
126	*Golden Rule	Campbellsford .	Tuesday after full moon.....	H O'Neil	J S Grundy

Returns of Subordinate Lodges—Continued.

No.	LODGE.	WHERE HELD.	NIGHT OF MEETING.	W. MASTER.	SECRETARY.
127	*Frank	Frankford	Monday before full moon... ..of every month.	W Br Geo S Graham.	Br Charles Craig
128	*Pembroke	Pembroke	Tuesday before full moon.....	" T H Johnson.	" Henry Sinton
129	*The Rising Sun	Aurora	Friday on or after full moon.....	" Wm Chesley.	" William Willis
130	*Yamaska	Granby	Wednesday before full moon....	" Jas Chalmers.	" William L West
131	*St. Lawrence	Southampton	Second Tuesday	" R A Drake ..	" J A Burwash
133	*Lebanon Forest	Exeter	Monday on or before full moon... ..	" Isaac Carling..	" Thomas Gidley
134	*Shawenagam	Three Rivers	Second Wednesday	" Hy Watson....	" J L Paldi
135	*St. Clair	Milton	Thursday on or before full moon..	" Jno P Eaken...	" Wm Panton
136	Richardson	Cashel	Wednesday on or before full moon	" WK Henderson	" Joseph T Hill
137	*Pythagoras	Meaford	Friday on or after full moon	" D M Ratray...	" Robt H Foster
138	*Aylmer	Aylmer C E	Second Tuesday	" S B Fairbanks.	" W C Clarke
139	Lebanon	Oshawa	First Tuesday	" Thos M Nairn.	" Geo R Wood
140	*Malahide	Aylmer C W	Wednesday on or after full moon.	" Thos Matheson	" D Maclaren
141	*Tudor	Mitchell	Tuesday on or before full moon...	" H M Casselman	" F B Carman
142	*Excelsior	Morrisburgh	Thursday on or before full moon..	" Nelson M Davy	" John N Tuttle
143	*Friendly Brothers	Iroquois	Wednesday before full moon.	" R Macfarlane..	" Thos Miller
144	*Tecumseh	Stratford	Thursday on or before full moon..	" James Norris	" Richard Howden
145	J. B. Hall	Mill Brook	Second Thursday	" Jno M Horsey.	" G W White
146	*Prince of Wales	Newburgh	Wednesday before full moon.	" Wm Mostyn ..	" D Campbell
147	*Mississippi	Almonde	Friday on or before full moon	" Ed C Hayden.	" Jas H Rowan
148	*Civil Service	Seat of Gov't.	Second Tuesday	" Theo B Barrett	" Richard Lloyd
149	*Erie	Port Dover	Monday on or before full moon....	" R P Hurlbut..	" Henry Lye
150	Hastings	Hastings	Thursday on or before full moon.	" Jno McDougall	" Isaac G Bean
151	The Grand River	Berlin	Tuesday on or before full moon ..	" Robert Macfie.	" Chas E Lynam
152	Clarenceville	Clarenceville	Third Thursday	" D McDonald ..	" Robt Fox
153	*Burns	Wyoming	Thursday on or before full moon..	" Wm Diamond.	" P C Blaiher
154	*Irving	Lucan	Thursday on or before full moon..	" Geo Burnham.	" John Moor
155	*Peterborough	Peterboro'	First Friday	" J C T Oochrane	
156	*York	Eglinton	Thursday on or before full moon..	" Geo S Jarvis..	
U.D.	Alexandra	Oil Springs	Thursday on or after full moon...	" Chas B Pettit..	
U.D.	Goodwood	Richmond, C W	First Tuesday		

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LIST OF GRAND LODGES.

IN CORRESPONDENCE WITH THE GRAND LODGE OF CANADA, WITH THE NAMES
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United G. L. of England	Wm. Gray Clarke	London
Grand Lodge of Ireland	John E. Hyndman	Dublin
Grand Lodge of Scotland	Wm. A. Lawrie	Edinburgh
Alabama	Daniel Sayre	Montgomery
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California	Alexander G. Abell	San Francisco
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Connecticut	Lucius E. Hunt	Hartford
Delaware	Benjamin N. Ogle	Delaware City
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Florida	John B. Taylor	Tallahassee
Georgia	Simri Rose	Macon
Illinois	H. G. Reynolds	Springfield
Indiana	Francis King	Indianapolis
Iowa	Theo. S. Parvin	Iowa City
Kansas	E. T. Carr	Fort Leavenworth
Kentucky	Philip Swigert	Frankfort
Louisiana	Samuel M. Todd	New Orleans
Maine	Ira Berry	Portland
Maryland	Fred. Woodworth	Baltimore
Massachusetts	Charles W. Moore	Boston
Michigan	James Fenton	Detroit
Minnesota	G. W. Prescott	St. Paul's
Mississippi	R. W. T. Daniel	Jackson
Missouri	A. O'Sullivan	St. Louis
Nebraska	R. C. Jordan	Omaha
New York	James M. Austin	New York
New Jersey	James H. Hough	Trenton
New Hampshire	Horace Chase	Hopkinton
North Carolina	W. T. Bain	Raleigh
Ohio	John D. Caldwell	Cincinnati
Oregon	W. S. Caldwell	Portland
Pennsylvania	Wm. H. Adams	Philadelphia
Rhode Island	Thomas A. Doyle	Providence
South Carolina	A. G. Mackey	Charleston
Tennessee	Charles A. Fuller	Nashville
Texas	A. S. Ruthven	Galveston
Virginia	John Dove	Richmond
Vermont	Henry Clark	Poultney
Wisconsin	W. T. Palmer	Milwaukee
Washington Territory	T. F. McElroy	Olympia

AT REST.

NAMES.	No.	LODGE.	DATE.
C. Campbell	3	St. John's.....	October.....1861
Stuart Millsup	3	"	September 18.....1862
Cornelius Stenson	3	"	August 24.....1862
Peter Scholfeld.....	5	Sussex.....	May 21.....1860
John Morrison.....	6	Barton	August 5.....1862
Wright Barker.....	6	"	June 12.....1863
James McGain.....	8	Nelson	May 7.....1862
Geo. Wheeler.....	8	"	August
David Grass	16	St. George's
John Wesley Ramsey	18	Prince Edward's.....	June 29.....1862
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Robert Ramsey.....	18	"	September 29 ...1862
Isaac May	18	"	May 19
John Thurresson.....	18	"	October.....1862
Neil Douglas	19	St. George's.....	December 20.....1862
Lewis J. Duchesney.....	21	Zetland	May 19.....1862
Hugh Alexander.....	22	King Solomon's.....	June 26.....1862
John Walker	22	"	April 2.....1863
G. A. Thompson.....	33	Trent.....	September 20 ...1861
James W. Dingwall.....	40	St. John's.....	February 24.....1863
William Walden.....	42	St. George's.....	November 16.....1862
Thomas M. Taylor.....	46	Wellington
John Drum	49	Harington	December 20.....1862
Richard J. Clute.....	50	Consecon	June 25.....1861
Joseph Longheed	50	"	May 14.....1862
William Johnson	50	"	January 2.....1863
Jacob Osman	52	Wellington	December 11.....1862
Richard Quinn.....	52	"	April 21.....1863
Alexander Scott.....	56	Victoria	October 22.....1862
Oliver Odell	60	Hoyle	December 26.....1862
George Folick	62	St. Andrew's.....	December 12.....1862
J. E. Davis	75	St. John's.....	July 5.....1862
James Carpenter.....	75	"	September 30 ...1862
Robert Nisbet	82	St. John's.....	July 8.....1862
Dugald McCullum	84	Clinton	February 13.....1863
Peter S. Campbell.....	88	St. George's.....	March 20.....1863
Thomas May.....	88	"	June 15.....1863
David Roblin	92	Cataraqui
Charles Bourne Chalmers	96	Corinthian	May 19.....1863
Robert Wanchof.....	98	True Blue	October 5.....1862
George H. Hughes.....	101	Corinthian	October.....1862
Francis Lemon	105	St. Mark's	August 20.....1863
Michael McConiff.....	116	Cassia	December 6.....1862
George E. Patta	117	Stanbridge.....	October.....1862
Phinny Woodbury.....	117	"
Elisha Best.....	120	Warren	September 27.....1862
Coughlin Lumley.....	120	"	September 7.....1863
William Harris.....	120	"	June 29.....1863
Geo. G. Holme.....	121	Doric	October 17.....1862
Alexander Moore.....	122	Renfrew	March 5.....1863
David M. McPherson.....	124	Montreal Kilwinning.....
W. P. Smith	124	"
William K. Elliot.....	125	Cornwall	January 5.....1863
Ross Keele	129	The Rising Sun	May 26.....1863
Hugh McLaughlan.....	140	Malahide	June 27.....1862
Thos. C. Colk.....	140	"	November 11.....1862
Rivierus Hooker Lee.....	144	Tecumseh	September 27 ...1862
Henry Muir	151	The Grand River.....

Restorations.

—*Antiquity Lodge, Montreal.*

F. C. Dettmers.

No. 9, Union Lodge, Napanee.

Norman W. Scott.

No. 15, St. George's Lodge, St. Catharines.

Jude L. Mandigo, Geo. N. Morgan, A. Finnie, Wm. E. Parnell, F. B. Henry,
Francis Connor.

No. 22, King Solomon's Lodge, Toronto.

John L. Mitchell.

No. 25, Ionic Lodge, Toronto.

Wm. Lynn Smart.

No. 26, Ontario Lodge, Port Hope.

Thos. Warren Hastings.

No. 40, St. John's Lodge, Hamilton.

Wm. H. Davis.

No. 42, St. George's Lodge, London.

Alexander Hamilton, John Taylor.

No. 43, King Solomon's Lodge, Woodstock.

H. Frederick Sharp.

No. 45, Brant Lodge, Brantford.

Henry M. Finlayson.

No. 53, Shefford Lodge, Waterloo.

Job Corbin.

No. 58, Doric Lodge, Ottawa.

C. H. Sinaeur, Robert Hick.

No. 68, St. John's Lodge, Ingersoll.

J. J. Hoyt.

No. 75, St. John's Lodge, Toronto.

Orlando S. Winstanley.

No. 82, St. John's Lodge, Paris.

Andrew H. Baird, William Allchin, Henry Rogers, E. R. Sullivan.

No. 91, Colborne Lodge, Colborne.

Joseph S. Scott, H. N. Casey.

No. 101, Corinthian Lodge, Peterboro'

Charles Perry.

No. 104, St. John's Lodge, Norwichville.

Augustus Gary.

No. 114, Hope Lodge, Port Hope.

Richard Fogarty.

No. 128, Pembroke Lodge, Pembroke.

Francis Reynolds.

Suspensions—Unmasonic Conduct.

—*Antiquity Lodge, Montreal.*

F. C. Dettmers, three months; R. M. Scholes.

No. 22, King Solomon Lodge, Toronto.

S. B. Campbell.

No. 23, Richmond Lodge, Richmond.

George Simpson.

No. 38, Trent Lodge, Trenton.

Charles G. Baker.

No. 50, Consecon Lodge, Consecon.

James Patterson.

No. 52, Wellington Lodge, Dunnville.

David McIndoe.

No. 69, Stirling Lodge, Stirling.

William Baker.

No. 105, St. Mark's, Drummondville.

Enoch Durham.

No. 141, Tudor Lodge, Mitchell.

Gustavus R. Jervis.

Suspensions—Non-payment of Dues.

No. 2, Niagara Lodge, Niagara.

Wm. H. Dickson, Howard Douglas Claus.

No. 3, St. John's Lodge, Kingston.

John Sharp Shearer, Thomas Porter.

No. 5, Sussex Lodge, Brockville.

Richard Ballard, John McElhenny, Glossup McGline, Thomas Bennet, Robert Leckie, Z. R. Lewis.

No. 6, Barton Lodge, Hamilton.

Wm. Kemp, Geo. F. Voght, J. B. Matthews, Thomas Beasley, John Fields, J. K. Andrews, G. C. Briggs, H. W. Ireland.

No. 19, St. George's Lodge, Montreal.

Wm. Poe, Thomas W. Nichol, Francis Connor, William Hewson, Francis B. Henry, Lewis M. Clement.

No. 16, St. Andrew's Lodge, Toronto.

Donald Cameron, Peter Cameron, T. Hookey, William Howard, W. H. Smith,
Duncan McDonnell John Nickinson.

No. 17, St. John's Lodge, Cobourg.

J. T. Allen, F. F. Booth, A. J. Van Ingen, John Hamilton, James Ashford.

No. 18, Prince Edward's Lodge, Picton.

Thomas Worthington, William Hubbs, Samuel R. Shaw, Daniel P. Haight,
John Allison, Jno. C. Howell.

No. 19, St. George's Lodge, Montreal.

Henry Bulmer, John Pape, Robert John Fowler, John E. Reuter, Eugenie
Conway, Jules Perotte.

No. 22, King Solomon Lodge, Toronto.

John Leys, Samuel H. Thompson, William Campbell, R. C. McMullen,
Benjamin Switzer, F. B. Orris, Samuel Sherwood, John Kesteven, Charles
Jacques, Charles Pollock, Edwin Taylor.

No. 23, Richmond Lodge, Richmond Hill.

Bernard Lyons, James Lawrence, John Harrington, Wm. H. King, Alexander
Campbell, Thomas Henslip.

No. 24, St. Francis Lodge, Smith's Falls.

John Jones.

No. 26, Ontario Lodge, Port Hope.

James Heap, Edwin Calcutt, John Morris, Robert McIntyre, John Gimson.

No. 27, Strict Observance Lodge, Hamilton.

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Benedict, John King.

No. 38, Trent Lodge, Trenton.

James Potter, A. A. Lott, A. S. Lott, J. W. Thompson, R. M. C. Cluete, M. B.
Weaver, John Smith, Ira Billings.

No. 42, St. George's Lodge, London.

John C. Clark.

No. 44, St. Thomas Lodge, St. Thomas.

Richard Ellison, John Dean, Peter Springstead, Henry Martin, Benjamin
Drake.

No. 45, Brant Lodge, Brantford.

Alexander Howie, Francis H. Leonard, Charles Kahn Wilkes, James
Montgomery.

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William W. Cook, James Todd, excluded.

No. 50, Consecon Lodge, Consecon.

Mills Beech.

No. 51, Corinthian Lodge, Grahamville.

William Switzer.

No. 52, Wellington Lodge, Dunnville.

Matthew Gash, James R. Cotter, Richard Nash, John J. Montague.

No. 53, Shefford Lodge, Waterloo.

Job Corbin.

No. 55, Mirickville Lodge, Mirickville.

Robert Riddell, Mark Garrett.

No. 58, Doric Lodge, Ottawa.

George S. Sutherland, C. H. Sinaeur.

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J. B. Beswick, John Burton, John Thorburn, Robert Hunter, George B.
Phillips, Frederick Scholfield, John Sumner, T. E. Norman.*No. 60, Hoyle Lodge, La Colle.*

John Odell, P. D. Heneyman

*No. 62, St. Andrew's Lodge, Caledonia.*Truman F. Corry, George H. M. Johnson, Nelson Likens, John Tucker,
Henry I. Ince, Braithwaite Leeming, Norris Humphrey, Jacob McClary,
Robert G. Pole, James Thaker, William Wier, Thomas B. Wright, William
R. Smart.*No. 69, Stirling Lodge, Stirling.*James B. Gordon, James Dogherty, Horatio N. Todman, George L. Heuston,
Benjamin S. Wilson, William Corbould, Richard Campion.*No. 73, St. James's Lodge, St. Mary's.*

B. Noel, F. C. Draper, W. Hennery, C. Wickman.

*No. 75, St. John's Lodge, Toronto.*F. W. Grant, H. C. Westby, A. T. Easter, William Gill, George Hall, J. H.
Hall, William Mead.*No. 78, King Hiram Lodge, Tilsonburgh.*

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David C. Fletcher, William R. Hunter, Charles Hunter, William S. More.

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Henry Kirk White.*No. 82, St. John's Lodge, Paris.*

Lyman Gleason, Alexander Rogers.

No. 83, Beaver Lodge, Strathroy.

Joseph H. Blain.

No. 86, Wilson Lodge, Toronto.

P. C. Learned, C. Callisher.

No. 90, Manito Lodge, Collingwood.

A. M. Taylor, J. H. Lawrence, J. D. Stephens, Jabez Gilpin, Peter Ferguson.

No. 95, Ridout Lodge, Otterville.

Silas Slaight, D. C. Sweazey.

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John Bowman, Thomas Shannon, William Morrison, William Hasting, Moses

C. Bell, Hugh D. Willson, R. B. C. Playter.

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William H. Beresford, Arthur Boulton, Thomas Pyne, Allan Cady.

No. 100, Valley Lodge, Dundas.

John King, James D. Thomas, Thomas Davis, William Cochenour.

No. 105, St. Mark's Lodge, Drummondville.

George Twomley, John Bracken, James Stevenson, George W. Smith,
William Young.

No. 110, Central Lodge, Prescott.

William M. Hynes, Wm. Roe Walsh, Charles Rowe, George Ellis.

No. 122, Renfrew Lodge, Renfrew.

A. Dowswell, Robinson Lyon, Alfred Wheeler.

No. 124, Montreal Kilwinning Lodge, Montreal.

Thomas Hughes, J. A. Tache, Robert McGregor, J. McGarvian.

No. 129, The Rising Sun Lodge, Aurora.

John Shawles, Isaiah Shawles.

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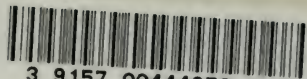
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